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Defeat of the Government probable over green pound

he Government seems certain to be defeated night over its proposal to devalue the "green ound" by 5 per cent. Two Labour MPs are to ithhold their votes. The Conservatives, who ant a higher devaluation, will get Liberal pport.

Two Labour MPs will not back 5% cut

George Clark
litical Correspondent

Two Labour MPs, Mr John man (Blyth) and Mr John (Birmingham, Handsworth) I refuse to support the Gov- ment in the Commons today the vote on the proposal to alue the "green pound" by er cent.

With the Conservatives, erals and the Welsh and ttish nationalists, from dif- ent motives, uniting against proposal, a government de- t seems certain.

f those groups act together l the two Labour MPs either tain or vote against, even a ision by the six Ulster ionists to support the Gov- ment would not save the . Mr James Molyneaux and five colleagues from Ulster meet at 7 pm, after hearing opening speeches in the ate, to decide what to do.

Ir William Ross, MP for donderry, said last night t much would depend on the Mr Silkin, Minister of iculture, Fisheries and Food, lained the longer-term aims he Government's policy. The ter Unionists will also expect ear more about the Conser- ives' plans before they con- plate voting with the Oppo- on.

he Government is in an rall minority of 15, and the of 13 votes from the eral Party, which is asking a 10 per cent devaluation, l be a severe blow. Attempts Mr Geraint Howells, MP for digan and the Liberals' esman on agriculture, to n a compromise with Mr in broke down.

r Howells said last night: e have asked for the full 10 cent. We would not mind 5 per cent proposed by the ernment if we could have a her devaluation of the n pound in the next few bs, but I am afraid that is to be. So we shall be voting nst the Government."

pparently a compromise on lines mentioned by Mr ells was discussed at sday's meeting of the net, when various options put forward. The argu- t that won the day, with the e Minister in support, was it would be wrong to take n that would increase ers' incomes by more than uideline figure applying to strial and other workers.

e fact that a two-stage luation going beyond 5 per would also have pushed retail food prices more eably, affecting the me in which the Govern- and unions would dis- arrangements for wages the "free collective bar- ng" system after July, nother factor.

It was for that reason that the Government's amendment for today's debate was drafted to include a reference to the incomes policy.

The debate will take place on an opposition motion calling for an immediate devaluation of the green pound by 7½ per cent.

The Government has tabled an amendment recognizing the special difficulties of producers of pigmeat and beef, and asking the House to approve the Government's decision to request the EEC Commission to propose an immediate devaluation by 5 per cent "as part of a move, in the course of 1978, to increase the net income of such producers by 10 per cent, an amount which corresponds to the guideline figure in the Government's income policy".

Mr Lee indicated that he would line up with the Conservatives if the Government persisted in its decision to guillotine the European Assembly Elections Bill on Thursday. Strong pressure against that decision is being brought on the Prime Minister and Mr Foot, Leader of the House, which will be reinforced by the party national executive on Wednesday.

Some other Labour backbenchers may absain with the same motive as Mr Lee. "I will not stand it any more, this is the crunch for me", he said. "I am also challenging all the anti-Market members of the Cabinet to resign rather than agree to this shameful guillotine."

Mr Ryman told constituency party workers yesterday of the inevitable increase in all food prices that would follow the 5 per cent devaluation.

"With rising and unjustified increases in bus fares, electricity, gas and beer, I have flatly refused to support any measure which will place additional burdens on the housewives in my constituency, and I shall vote accordingly", he said.

Support for the Government was expressed by Mr Robin Corbett, Labour MP for Hemel Hempstead and chairman of the party's food and agriculture committee. "Although no one likes voting for food price rises, this is about right, especially to give help to pig and beef producers and processors", he said.

"With steadily falling inflation, the impact on consumers will be slight, especially if Britain persuades the EEC to make only a modest increase in common farm prices in the spring. Anything higher at this time would mean going for a deliberately high-priced food policy, which would hurt both consumers and farmers."

Mr Steel's win eases future for Labour

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

Mr Callaghan's minority government today looks assured until the autumn and possibly into next year, thanks to Mr David Steel's triumph by more than three to one in the vote on the pact with the Government at the Liberal assembly on Saturday.

The fact that Liberal MPs might help to defeat the Government in today's Commons vote on the "green pound" is a coincidental irony throwing into sharper relief Mr Steel's party achievement.

Not only did the Liberal leader overwhelm his most voluble party activists wanting an immediate end to the pact, he emerged with a resolution stating that the pact continues until ("only until", it says) he, with party officers, decides to end it. The vote was 1,727 for, with 520 voting for an immediate end.

That is quite different from what many Liberals thought they would be deciding—that the pact be declared dead, with burial to be announced later. As Mr Steel boldly termed it, to some gasps and shouts, "the only question is do we renew it or not?"

Because of the way the resolution was finally phrased, a vote on that was not possible. But Mr Steel, extricating himself from last December's party constraints that had him threatening his resignation, has put both party and country on notice that in sensible politics, with a serious leader, you do not foreclose options.

Mr Steel told the assembly he thought it "extremely doubtful" that the pact could be extended, but he added, on BBC Radio yesterday, that it would be "very foolish to rule out that possibility".

A likelier picture for an autumn election was put to the assembly with ineffable comic bounce by Mr David Penhaligon, MP for Truro. They should take a good look at the Budget, he said, and, assuming there were no good Liberal proposals, give the Prime Minister notice that the pact would not be renewed and that they wanted an October election.

If the Prime Minister would not oblige in the autumn, the Liberals should act on the principle of four-year elections and help to vote the Government out.

Mr Steel surely impressed as leader with astuteness and presence, but he could offer little balm except the conviction, like some alchemist, that the opinion polls, support for the pact must surely some time be turned to gold in votes for Liberals.

More powerfully, be inveighed against on-off tactics, in order to preserve party credibility and trustworthiness as a future partner of whichever party might be in power. With those partners he promised to keep electoral reform to the fore.

Yesterday on BBC Radio he challenged Mrs Thatcher to say whether "a referendum for proportional representation would be on the agenda".

Speakers at the assembly who pleaded to end the pact now, passionately insisted that if the Liberals did not take a stand on their principles, the electorate would view them as being just like all other politicians.

But Lord Byers argued tellingly that PR, once in effect, equalled coalition and alliance politics. "If you are not prepared to do that", he told those against the pact, "then you ought to drop PR." His speech on the need to learn the art of partnership politics effectively settled the debate, I thought, even though Mr Cyril Smith, MP, and Mr Steel were still to come.

It was a Liberal achievement to have this quarrel out and then depart without splitting the party. Mr Cyril Smith got his ovation for a subsequent and generous appeal for the hatchet to be buried.

Younger activists of the *Radical Bulletin* group were less conciliatory. They will hold a meeting in Manchester on February 11. The option of splitting off to form a new party will probably be put but will surely fail, Mr John Smithson, a leading critic of Mr Steel, says.

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Kidnap theory: Police searching the Kennet and Avon canal yesterday for Lester Chapman, the schoolboy of eight missing from his home at Coley Park, Reading, Berkshire, for 10 days. They hoped last night he might still be alive. A search of the area near his home by 1,200 volunteers on Saturday and calls on more than 2,000 homes by police yesterday lent weight to the theory that he might have been kidnapped. Superintendent Perer East, of Thames Valley police, said the house-to-house search, to see if the boy was being sheltered by friends, would continue for several days. He said little positive had resulted from yesterday's inquiries but police were following up information, including an anonymous telephone call to Capital Radio, the London independent station.

Israel decides to stay away from Cairo talks for time being

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Jan 22

The Israeli Cabinet decided today to postpone the departure of its military delegation to Cairo where the military negotiations with Egypt were due to resume this week.

Israel had been urged by the United States not to break off the military talks in spite of Egypt's withdrawal last week from the political talks in Jerusalem. Today's decision appears therefore to be a compromise. The Cabinet resolved to discuss again the delegation's possible departure "in the near future".

Meanwhile the head of the military delegation, left behind in Cairo when the talks adjourned 10 days ago, Major-General Arraham Tamir, has been recalled for consultations. Subject to Egyptian agreement, the remainder of the delegation still in Cairo is being left there in what is described as an effort to preserve the framework of the joint discussions.

In a statement after today's meeting, the Cabinet said that President Sadat had made an "extremist, aggressive speech" to the Egyptian Parliament yesterday and had made "ultimitive demands" that were totally unacceptable to Israel.

Mr Alfred Atherton, the United States Assistant Secretary of State, is staying in the region to act as go-between, and is attempting to complete the drafting of the declaration of principles where it concerns the Palestinian issue.

A public opinion poll, published here today, indicates that an overwhelming number of Israelis are opposed to a withdrawal to the pre-1967 war frontiers, even in exchange for peace.

In a poll conducted before the breakdown in the political negotiations, 71 per cent of those questioned rejected re-establishment of the old frontiers, and 72 per cent opposed leaving the Jewish settlements in northern Sinai outside of the area of Israeli sovereignty. Although Egypt is insisting on total Israeli withdrawal, 69 per cent said they believed that a peace agreement would soon be attained.

An even greater number—87 per cent—expressed opposition to any negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization, and 91 per cent opposed the creation of a Palestinian state. Sixty-eight per cent said they felt Mr Begin was doing well as Prime Minister.

David Watts writes from Cairo: The Israeli decision that General Weizman, the Israeli Defence Minister, will not be returning for a resumption of the military committee talks, at least for the present, came as no surprise and served only to underline the down-beat atmosphere here.

Though low-key contacts have been maintained, it is clear that any form of meaningful face-to-face negotiation is out of the question for the moment and American mediation remains the main hope for resuming the discussions.

President Sadat's speech to the People's Assembly yesterday, in which he accused the Israelis of arrogance and expansionism, left Jerusalem little room for conciliatory gestures, but did not rule out further talks.

Clearly designed to take the dispute into the world arena with particular emphasis on the Americans, the speech claimed that the Israelis had negotiated in bad faith since the Ismailia meeting, and had misled the Egyptians as to their true intentions over the Sinai settlements.

Mr Sadat said he had asked the Americans to supply Egypt with "all and every weapon" which the United States had supplied to Israel—a response to the recent announcement of Washington's intention to supply Israel with 150 F16 fighter aircraft.

Patrick Brogan writes from Washington: President Carter believes, or at least says in public, that the breakdown of the Middle East peace talks is only a "temporary setback". He thinks that the talks should continue in private and not "through the news media".

The President spoke to reporters on Friday night in the aircraft flying him to Atlanta. He said he hoped that there would be no more than a brief interruption in the talks. The break "has been and can be serious", he said, "but we have hopes that we will see it all straightened out and the political and military talks resumed".

Mr Carter thought that a meeting between himself, Mr Sadat and Mr Begin was unlikely.

Michael Binyon writes from Moscow: The breakdown of the talks in Jerusalem has drawn the predictable reaction of "I told you so" from official Soviet sources. *Pravda* today said that a just settlement could be achieved only at an all-embracing Geneva conference with the PLO included.

Russia's cowboys not at home on the range

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Jan 22

Masked men on horseback canter through the snow in a mountain forest. Shots ring out. A lone figure slumps off his horse, and before he dies, entrusts to his would-be rescuer the title deeds and a map of an old gold mine.

Russia's first home-made Western, *Armed and Very Dangerous*, seems off to a good start.

Things soon begin to go awry, however. When the six white horses, pulling the stagecoach, finally stop exhausted, having got away from the bandits, they have reached the sea. Clearly this is not Arizona.

The film has been widely advertised in Moscow, praised in the magazine *Soviet Screen*, and is now playing to capacity audiences in Moscow's two smartest cinemas.

The audience seems unaware of the incongruities: the ranch, for example, with beds of chrysanthemums, cacti on the lawn and a pine forest all within a stone's throw of a moon-like desert; or the Chekhovian wood-pannelled dacha with a blazing fire and a view through the window of the saloon, the post office and the horse-hitch in the dusty street.

Vladimir Vainshtok, the director, who shot the film in Romania, Czechoslovakia and southern Russia, first travelled to Brazil, Mexico and the United States in search of the Old West. He gained a rather confused impression.

Some of the scenes are shot in the villain's chateau, with cherubic paintings on the ceiling, bottles of gin and Scotch on the table, perfumed Negro servants in white brocade livery and all the trappings of groaning decadence.

The plot is hard to follow but is apparently based on the stories of Bret Harte. In essence it hinges on the determination of the goodies to find justice for the man murdered at the beginning of the film, and the machinations of the rich villain who is in league with a devious capitalist to exploit the desert for oil.

The fat villain is thwarted by an old man who looks remarkably like the late Paul Getty and who turns out to be the real boss of the bandits and the wealthiest man in town. He buys up the villain's shares and ruins him.

But all is lost, for the oil wells are set ablaze, and against the flaming backdrop the hero gives his final speech. "I have rid the world of this vermin", he says, puts a shovel over his shoulder and trudges off into the setting desert sun to earn an honest living.

The film leaves no doubt of the political corruption of the Old West (and by implication the new West). The villain keeps saying he is a free citizen of America, and at one point says to a would-be senator: "How much is our democracy worth? Tell me, and I'll buy you a seat."

The oil workers look suitably downtrodden, and the hero spends a lot of time talking about the true value of life.

Westerns, many imported from East Germany, are popular in Russia. *Armed and Very Dangerous* does not look set to be a big hit abroad, and it is unlikely to bring in those valuable dollars it makes so much fun of.

Fifth body is wife of ex-MP

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

The final two bodies sought by police in their murder inquiries stretching across Scotland were found during the weekend. Yesterday afternoon they recovered a female body from a stream near Dalchonzie power station, Comrie, Tayside.

No identification was given but it is understood to be that of Mrs Dorothy Scott-Elliot, aged 60, whose husband, Mr Walter Scott-Elliot, a former Labour MP, was found buried in Glen Affric, 35 miles from Inverness, last week.

Police dogs discovered the badly decomposed body of the woman but the search had been narrowed down by information given to the police. The same source helped police to find the shallow grave of a man near the Kirkleton Estate, Dumfries and Galloway. The discovery was made just before dark on Saturday.

Police did not identify the body, but it is believed to be that of Mr David Wright, aged 30, a gardener, who disappeared last July while on a visit to one of the servants on the estate, which belongs to Lady Hudson, widow of a Conservative MP.

Lothian and Borders police said last night the body was discovered 15 miles from Braco, where the police search had been concentrated. No other bodies have been found and no other people are being sought by the police.

A man is to appear in court today. Another man has already been charged with theft. Police said both men

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Americans dig out after heavy snow

The eastern United States were digging out yesterday from the worst blizzard to hit the area in nine years. Up to 30 inches fell in some states and 50 mph winds piled up huge drifts. Snow also fell heavily in Texas. Along the eastern seaboard, roofs caved in on several buildings. Rail and air traffic was paralysed. One aircraft bringing passengers from Europe to New York was diverted to Kansas City. The blizzard was unexpected: forecasters had predicted only a few inches of snow. In France, Ardèche villages were cut off by heavy snow. Two schoolchildren died when their coach crashed on an icy road and an express train, trapped in snowdrifts since Friday, was finally freed

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Supply craft reaches cosmonauts

Moscow, Jan 22.—The Soviet Union docked an unmanned transport capsule to its orbiting space laboratory today to deliver supplies to the Soyuz 26 cosmonauts.

It marked a new stage in the space programme, permitting cosmonauts to stay in space and be supplied by manned or unmanned space shuttles.

Tass said it was the first time a robot spacecraft had delivered fuel and life support and scientific equipment to a manned orbital station.—UPI.

'Aggression' by Hanoi denounced

Teng Ying-chao, widow of Chou En-lai, has revealed that Peking regarded Cambodia as a victim of "Vietnamese aggression", and that Cambodian territory had been occupied in three places, according to sources in Peking. She was speaking to M Barre, the visiting French Prime Minister before he left the Chinese capital by train

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Mr Rees attacks Tories on race

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, accused the Conservatives of harming race relations. He told the Co-operative Party conference in Brighton, that the Tories planned a "bash the immigrants campaign at the next election, adding that such use of the race issue was "playing with political fire". He emphasized that entry to Britain was now firmly controlled

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Bowling record by Edmonds

Edmonds took seven for 66, the best bowling figures in a Test match in Pakistan, to restrict Pakistan's first innings lead to 19 runs in the third Test. England had scored 114 for one at the close

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Chaban-Delmas reappearance

M Chirac, the Gaullist leader, told the party's election candidates that they must not enter into any political argument with other government majority candidates. There was also apparently a reconciliation between M Chirac and M Chaban-Delmas, the former Gaullist Prime Minister

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Police cordon off Paris

The French police have cordoned off Paris in their search for Yves Maupetit, aged 28, who broke out of jail and has left behind him a trail of violence, including two murders

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Rhodesia to apologize for ir on Birmingham

Frederick Cleary
ury, Jan 22

Rhodesian Government e Mayor of Salisbury are ologise to the city of gham over a Government- red advertising campaign newspapers and on tele- here. It used the slogan: would swop Borrowdale rmingham."

owdale is an exclusive suburb in Salisbury and implication was that sians should not leave ountry for the slum-like ions such as could be in the Midlands city.

Freda Cocks, the Lord of Birmingham, took umbrage and wrote to Councillor Ronald Cowan, Mayor of Salisbury, saying this image of Birmingham was 100 years out of date.

Mr André Holland, the Deputy Immigration Minister, who initiated the campaign to keep white Rhodesians from leaving, said in a letter published here that Birmingham was merely a word that alliterated with Borrowdale. It was not meant to be taken literally as an affront.

Mr Cowan is writing to the Lord Mayor expressing "deep regret over the unfortunate incident".

Mr Smith attacks Britain, page 4

Somalis welcome Western peace talks call

Patrick Brogan
ington, Jan 22

esentatives of the United Britain, France, Italy 'est Germany met here ay to discuss the n in the Horn of Africa. Ethiopia and Somalia are . They issued an unin- ve communiqué after an our meeting.

d: "The representatives unanimous in believing lasting solution to the s of the region can be y force of arms. In this on, all deplored the conflict and the human g which it is causing.

conviction of the otatives is that negotia- he only means by which ting can be brought to and a durable settle- hieved. The representa- reaffirmed their full for the efforts of the ation of African Unity mediation committee, by Nigeria, to promote ful settlement."

Britain, France and Italy were involved as former colonial powers which have retained interests and influence there. The West Germans have been helping Somalia in various ways.

Somalia has asked the United States and other Western powers for military supplies to replace those it can no longer obtain from the Soviet Union. It has been refused so far, if public statements are to be believed, largely because it is accepted that Somalia is waging an aggressive war against Ethiopia. Somalia has also asked the powers to mediate, but Ethiopia insists that no negotiations are possible until it has recovered the Ogaden desert which has been occupied by Somali-backed guerrillas.

Mogadishu, Jan 22.—Somalia today welcomed the call by the five Western countries for a negotiated settlement.

A Government spokesman said that Mogadishu had always maintained that the Ogaden conflict could be solved peacefully and through the Organization of African Unity (OAU). He called for non-interference by foreign forces and for their withdrawal.

Addis Ababa, Jan 22.—The Ethiopian Government described the Western call as "hypocritical". A spokesman for the Ethiopian Ministry of Information and National Guidance said their position in effect represented an endorsement of Somalia's continued invasion of Ethiopia.—Agence France-Presse.

Moscow, Jan 22.—The Soviet Government accused the Western powers of encouraging Somalia to attack Ethiopia.

Pravda said that developments in the Horn of Africa "cause justifiable concern". It added: "While some Western powers actually encouraged Somalia to launch an aggression, the Soviet Union, on the contrary, was doing everything to prevent an armed conflict.—UPI.

OAU condemns Iran: Somalia has asked for clarification of an OAU statement broadcast by Ethiopian radio on Friday condemning Iran for "interfering in African affairs".

Iran recently pledged support for Somalia in the event of an Ethiopian invasion

The OAU statement on Friday said: "The OAU welcome suggestions from genuine friends of Africa on how to settle peacefully the present conflict in the Horn, but the OAU has no room for any country whose penchant is to extend its sphere of influence to Africa by playing the role of a mini-power."—Agence France-Presse.

Envoy expelled: Ethiopia has expelled the West German Ambassador and given him 24 hours to leave the country. A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in Bonn said no reason was given other than that the Ambassador's presence in Ethiopia was "detrimental to the relations existing between the peoples of the two countries."—Reuter.

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HOME NEWS

New bid by Cabinet to decide on choice of nuclear reactors

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

The Cabinet will make a second attempt tomorrow to decide on the type of reactors that should be used in the next generation of nuclear power stations to be built in the coming two decades.

Before the ministers will be a proposal from Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, that initially there should be two British-designed advanced gas cooled reactors (AGRs), with further design studies on the American-designed pressurized water reactors (PWRs).

Whether a final decision emerged depends on Mr Benn's ability to persuade the PWR advocates in the Cabinet, led by the Prime Minister and Mr Healey, the Chancellor, that financing new light water reactor design studies would be sufficient to ensure that the PWR was a real competitor for any further nuclear orders in the early 1980s.

According to government and industry sources, there is only an even chance of the decision being taken this week. In the event of further disagreement there could be a delay of one or two weeks before the Cabinet returns to the subject, with yet another round of fact-finding and lobbying in the meantime.

When the Cabinet last tackled the matter, before Christmas, Mr Benn proposed that a redesigned AGR should form the basis of Britain's future nuclear ordering, ignoring the recommendation from the Central Electricity Generating Board that there should be a two-pronged approach with a firm commitment to order a PWR by January, 1982, at the earliest.

But Mr Benn ran into unexpectedly strong support for the board's PWR ideas and was asked by his Cabinet colleagues to find out what sort of commitment would be necessary to retain water reactors as an option for the future. As a result, there were fresh talks with experts on the PWR and Mr Benn has said he is prepared to recommend further design studies.

Although Mr Benn is the official link between the nuclear industry, the Central Electricity Generating Board, the customers for the reactors, and the Cabinet, ministerial supporters of the PWR have been left in no doubt through unofficial approaches that the latest move by Mr Benn is not a viable alternative.

They feel that Mr Benn is mistaken in saying that further PWR design studies will satisfy the board, and that only a firm commitment to a PWR leading to a commercial order could provide all the knowledge that the board, the National Nuclear Corporation and the Government would need.

Mr Benn last week met representatives from Kraftwerk Union, the Siemens subsidiary that has developed from a Westinghouse licence its own version of the PWR. The National Nuclear Corporation has again told the Government that it should back the PWR and that if it does the licence from Westinghouse to build PWRs would be exercised. There is little chance of the Kraftwerk Union design being imported.

Attempts to oust Mrs Colquhoun still likely

By a Staff Reporter

Officials of Northampton, North, constituency Labour Party may renew their attempt to oust their MP, Mrs Maureen Colquhoun, if the Labour Party national executive upholds her appeal against dismissal when it meets on Wednesday.

Mrs Colquhoun's desire to remain as the party's candidate has already been upheld by a Labour Party investigating committee.

Local party officials said yesterday that they had obtained a copy of the investigating committee's confidential report and were dismayed by its contents.

The constituency party had been told earlier that their attempt to remove Mrs Colquhoun had failed because of procedural mistakes, but a spokesman said that the committee's report contained no reference to any such mistakes.

"The report mentions that Mrs Colquhoun did not receive natural justice when we dealt with her case. The general feeling now, it seems, is that we punished her for her declared lesbian activities, and we must be allowed to defend ourselves against these allegations", the spokesman said.

Local party officials have written to the national executive to point out that, according to the investigating committee's report, they did follow the correct procedure when deciding not to readopt Mrs Colquhoun. "If the national executive also upholds her appeal then we will start all over again", the spokesman said.

The constituency party's general management committee decided not to readopt Mrs Colquhoun after it was alleged that she had attracted adverse publicity which included a lesbian relationship and an incident in which a Northampton car park attendant claimed he was punched by her.

"We are annoyed that the findings of the investigating committee were leaked to the press", the spokesman said. "But we are equally annoyed that the impression is that we did not carry out the correct procedure and are discarding her because she is a lesbian. This is not true."

Mrs Colquhoun, who has been visiting Ireland, was not available for comment.

Theatres in peril, 1: The Liverpool Empire

Curtain up on a council's rescue operation

By Martin Huckerby
Theatre Reporter

A deal has been struck between Moss Empires Ltd and Merseyside County Council to save the Liverpool Empire, one of a considerable number of provincial theatres that are under threat of closure.

Last summer it was disclosed that two big theatre chains, Moss Empires and Howard and Wyndham, wanted to dispose of their remaining provincial theatres, large concerns that had proved uneconomic to run, given the dearth of touring shows.

Since then efforts to preserve the theatres have been made by local authorities, the Arts Council and other organizations, and they have borne fruit in Liverpool, where the Merseyside County Council should take over the Empire from Moss Empires.

Full details of the agreement, which must be approved by the board of the company and the full county council, have not been released, but it involves the council's taking a 50-year lease of the building at what is virtually a peppercorn rent.

Eventually the Empire should be run by an independent trust, made up only partly of county councillors. The county council hopes that it will not be necessary to subsidize the running costs, Mr John Last, chairman of the arts committee, said.

Nevertheless, if the Empire is to attract the top touring companies a lot of money will have to be spent before the theatre can be left to run independently; at least £340,000 is needed for putting right the heating and electrical systems, providing new dressing rooms and for redecoration.

The county council will not need to find all the money, since the Arts Council hopes to pay a share of the cost. Mr Jack Phipps, the Arts Council's director for touring, was enthusiastic about the Empire's potential. "It is a staggering building", he said.

The 48ft wide proscenium will easily take the largest London productions: the Royal Opera may take its first step into the provinces with a visit to the Empire in 1981. And a 12ft extension to the forestage makes its suitable for the Royal Ballet's main company.

The 2,500-seat auditorium is gloomy now, but with redecoration it could become a new jewel in Liverpool's artistic crown.

While the preservation of the Empire will be good news for local theatregoers, the future of another theatre in Liverpool remains in serious doubt. The Royal Court has been closed for almost two years and Howard and Wyndham are trying to sell the building for between £80,000 and £100,000.

An application has been lodged to turn the theatre into a bingo hall, but is being fought by the Theatres Trust and the Royal Court Theatre Club.

Mr Neil Tierney, of the theatre club, does not believe that the bingo application will be successful. He said the club was seeking promises of money from local people and business concerns for the purchase and renovation of the building, which could cost at least £150,000. "We are confident that this money can be raised", he said.

He has support from some smaller touring companies, for whom the 1,500-seat theatre is more suitable than the Empire, but there are doubts about the viability of the Royal Court when competing with the Empire for a limited number of touring productions.

A meeting is being arranged with Howard and Wyndham, and representatives of the city and county councils will be attending, but it will be an uphill task to raise the necessary cash.

Saving one theatre in Liverpool is quite an achievement: saving two could need a small miracle. Next: Birmingham

Warning t... Eire over Irish... in UK

By Our Political Corres...

Mr Airey Neave, Op... spokesman on North... land, warned the Repu... Ireland Government ni... day that there may b... cussions on Irish citi... Britain if the republi... tinues what are co... unfriendly acts and acc... against the United Ki...

Speaking in his const... Abingdon, Mr Neave c... ted on the call by Mr ... the Irish Prime Ministe... British commitment fr... tual withdrawal from N... Ireland. He attacked ... described as "a succe... unfriendly acts and acc... from the Republic of I...

He added: "We have ... special privileges 'to ... million Irish citizens ... country. They know that ... is both civilized and den... but the attitude of ... Government will increas... pressures for the que... Irish citizenship to be i... in the forthcoming re... the nationality laws.

"These actions of a... bouring state are becor... tolerable. I invite Dr O... Foreign and Commo... Secretary, to inform th... Government that we ... longer going to bear ... insults with a stiff upp... Police pledge: A pled... the Irish police would r... their hard-line attitude ... the Provisional IRA wa... yesterday by Mr ... McLaughlin, aged 57, t... head of the Garda S... (the Press Association r...

Mr McLaughlin's appo... was announced a day a... Dublin Government's d... of Mr Edmund Garvey.

Rank-and-file rese... about his disciplinary r... and general approach.

But Unionist politic... Northern Ireland have s... move marked an end ... Garvey's hard line towa... Provisionals and othe... versives. Mr McLaughl... yesterday: "It would l... foolish to think that. ...

Mr Jack Marrinan, se... of the Irish police force ... union, the Garda Represe... Body, said: "There is ... likelihood of a fair de... cooperation from he... between the top mana... and representatives of t... and file."

High Court to rule on licence endorsement

By Our Motoring Correspondent

Motorists accused of failing to comply with directions given by a traffic warden have been advised by the Royal Automobile Club to ask for their cases to be adjourned, after conflicting decisions by courts in Nottingham and London on whether conviction for such an offence should carry with it an endorsement of the driving licence. The matter is to be considered in the High Court.

Nottingham Crown Court decided that prosecutions brought by traffic wardens for failing to obey their directions may not result in endorsement. A Bow Street stipendiary magistrate recently came to the opposite conclusion.

The RAC said yesterday: "In view of the totting up provision, we advise motorists to apply for the adjournment of their cases if they have received a summons for this kind of offence or are accused of any endorsable offence and already have an endorsement of such an offence on their licence.

"The situation will be complex and confusing until the result of the High Court hearing is known. We hope that magistrates' courts will be sympathetic to adjournment applications in the circumstances."

Under the totting up procedure three endorsements on a licence within three years bring disqualification.

Three die in crash

Two men and a woman died in a road crash near Kendal, Cumbria, yesterday, and three people were seriously injured.

Councils say schemes have saved millions of pounds

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Local government is saving millions of pounds for ratepayers and taxpayers through schemes to obtain better value for money, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities says in a report published today.

A survey of its member authorities explains how they are attempting to save money by schemes ranging from designing cheaper houses to selling foreign coins gathered from parking meters.

The report is the association's answer to criticism of council spending implicit in the Layfield report and the Government's Green Paper on local government finance.

Introducing the report, Mr John Smart, the association's chairman, says: "I have been saddened by the apparent ignorance in central government and elsewhere of the achievements of local authorities in making their activities increasingly cost-effective."

The association hopes to have the document discussed at a future meeting of the consultative council for local government finance. The report is based on information from 51 of 77 member councils.

It says: "We have tried to concentrate on real cost-effectiveness measures, that is where savings are made without a reduction in the standard of service provided, as opposed to straightforward cuts in expenditure."

Without naming individual councils, the report quotes a work study scheme that has saved one metropolitan district £2.75m a year, and the council observed with feeling that it might have saved another £125,000 by similar schemes had it not been for constraints imposed by the national anti-inflation policy.

Many authorities drew attention to schemes introduced since 1975-76 to evaluate the need for individual posts on departmental establishments before filling vacancies, and pointed to staffing reductions of between 4 and 14 per cent. On fuel, individual councils reported savings of between £10,000 and £200,000, and a central purchasing scheme has saved one metropolitan district £650,000 on a budget of £6.75m.

Several councils have changed their method of meal production. One London borough estimated that it saved £120,000 a year by partly replacing meat with textured vegetable protein in six million school meals.

Another London borough found it can save £170,000 a year on boarding out homeless families.

Elsewhere a metropolitan district is working with its local university on the prototype of a low-energy house, which should be completed this summer.

Value for Money: Local Authorities and Cost-Effectiveness (Association of Metropolitan Authorities, 36 Old Queen Street, London, SW1H 9JE, 50p).

London may become main drug route, American says

By Robin Young

London could become a dangerous centre for drug traffic to the United States, the chairman of the United States Congressional Select Committee on Narcotics said yesterday after discussions with British officials on the distribution of drugs from Asia.

Congressman Lester L. Wolff was in London for the weekend with members of a Congress subcommittee on Asian and Pacific affairs. The delegation, which has made a 20-day tour of the Far East, met Home Office officials to discuss the increasing importance of South-east Asia's "golden triangle" as a source of narcotics.

Mr Wolff said that Amsterdam was the main European transit point for Asian narcotics destined for the American market. "but the Dutch are starting to crack down, and the suppliers are most flexible in their operations".

Like all European capitals, London already saw some traffic, and without "awareness of the dangerous potential from the increase in air traffic and the change in air traffic arrangements between London and the United States", London could become a main supply route.

Mr Wolff expressed concern about the increasing use of concentrated hashish-oil from Asia. It was much easier to smuggle than cannabis resin. "Sufficiently refined, it can be almost undetectable", he said. it was a clear and colourless liquid.

At present traffickers handle hashish-oil in a semi-refined "gummy-brown" state, impregnating cloth with it and, more recently, embroidering the cloth to conceal the stains caused by impregnation.

"The drugs are easily reconstituted", Mr Wolff said, "and without the cooperation of the countries of origin, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Lebanon, we shall be powerless to avoid a difficult problem."

Mr Wolff said he would be surprised if there was a lack of vigilance in London, but the threat was real. "Another major line of traffic with a big potential problem has sprung up in Canada where drugs are being transhipped to the United States.

"Canada is experiencing a big increase in drug traffic. The problem has reached endemic proportions in Europe and is approaching what we had in the United States in the 1960s."

Girl found dead after tablet theft at surgery

A police hunt for a man with stolen drugs worth several thousand pounds was mounted yesterday after his girl accomplice was found dead in a doctor's surgery at Stonehouse, near Plymouth. The police believe the girl was so desperate for drugs that she swallowed sodium nitrate tablets by mistake.

The police said: "The man is believed to have a quantity of sodium nitrate in tablet form in his possession. It is highly dangerous and can kill within minutes."

A post-mortem examination showed that drugs may have been responsible for the death of the girl.

Police forces throughout Britain were alerted to look for him. He is described as 6ft 1in, thin, with brown eyes and a pale complexion. He was wearing a three-quarter length dark brown coat, blue denim jeans and a dark-red pullover.

MP urges help for famil... of mentally ill woman

An MP has demanded urgent action for a family which is spending its life savings at the rate of £30 a week to keep a mentally deranged woman in a nursing home. Although the National Health Service could not find her a bed in a mental hospital it refused to pay the cost of the woman's private treatment. She is 73.

The family doctor, Dr Owen Lister, has appealed for help to Miss Joan Lestor, Labour MP for Eton and Slough.

Dr Lister's patient, who lives in Slough, Berkshire, was diagnosed as severely demented last autumn. But there were no places at the area's only mental hospital, St Bernard's, at Southall.

Just before Christmas her husband became acutely depressed as he struggled with his son to care for her at home. So she was admitted to the acute psychiatric unit at Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, as an emergency measure for a week.

Dr Lister said: "W... few days of the woma... charge her husband's ... again deteriorated. It ... clear he could not co... pressuring him to do so ... well cause him to take h... life."

All further attempts ... the woman a place in ... hospital failed. Her con... psychiatrist found a, be... private nursing home, o... be told by the district a... trator that the health ... could not meet the cost.

The family was so des... for relief that the m... decided to pay for the ... week bed in the nursing ...

Dr Lister went on: ... savings will not last mor... three months. Then the ... gers of the home will h... decide whether to throw h... or continue treatmen... nothing."

Miss Lestor said she ... asked the Department of ... to do something as quic... possible.

Bodies thought to be of wife and a gardener

Continued from page 1

were likely to face more serious charges soon.

The male body found on Saturday was about five miles from where the body of Mrs Mary Coggle was discovered on Christmas Day in a shallow stream near the Glasgow to Carlisle road.

It is understood that Mr Wright had been visiting a servant on the Kirkleton estate. The fifth body, which began the murder inquiries, was found in the boot of a car at North Berwick on January 16. It was identified as that of Mr Donald Hall, aged 37, who had been released from prison in Cumbria three days before Mrs Coggle had been living with him.

Writer's nephew dies after attack

Police were hunting last night for the assailant of Mr George Wells, aged 89, nephew of H. G. Wells, who died on Saturday in hospital at Kingston, Surrey, after being attacked and robbed on Friday.

Mr Wells opened the door of his home in Northcote Road, New Malden, in answer to a knock. A man aged about 35 pushed him to the floor, took his wallet and ran off.

Anti-devolution body for Scotland

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

A new Labour group of mainly left-wing "MPs, trade unionists and local councillors was launched in Edinburgh yesterday to oppose devolved government for Scotland.

Mr Robin Cook, MP for Edinburgh, Central, complained that the planned assembly would be an extra, unnecessary layer of government, slowing decisions that already took too long.

A Tory government, he said, would slash Scottish representation in Parliament and even if the Tories were not elected, the Secretary of State for Scotland would be reduced to a cipher with little responsibility and no punch in the Cabinet.

"The people we elect to Parliament will be treated as second-class MPs involved in only half the business of the Commons", he said.

It was clear that the Scottish National Party proposed to run its referendum campaign on the theme "Vote yes for Scotland" and that within 30 seconds of success every nationalist MP would be claiming it as a vote for independence. So a "no" vote was essential.

The group, the Labour "Vote No" Campaign, argues that since the Scottish vote is divided about equally between Labour, Tory and SNP, everything will depend on how the Labour vote splits in the referendum.

The six Scottish Labour MPs supporting the campaign are Mr Cook, Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian), Mr Peter Doig (Dundee, West), Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North), Mr Richard Buchanan (Glasgow, Springburn) and Mr Harry Selby (Glasgow, Govan).

Mr Dalyell said hardly a speech from the back benches in the debate had welcomed the Bill. "Grave doubts now exist about the unheard-of scheme of having two sets of criminal law formulated in two different parliaments within a supposedly United Kingdom", he said.

Many non-political organizations were telling MPs that although they might not take a political view of devolution, they were increasingly anxious about its effects.

Mr John Lambie, an executive member of the Labour Party's Scottish Council and full-time trade union officer, said the creation of a Scottish assembly would dissipate the United Kingdom trade union movement.

Mr Charles Snedden, vice-convener of the Central Regional Council, said councils' members and officials were worried about the future role of local government. He felt the people were hostile to the assembly.

Neither Mr Cook nor Mr Dalyell had found strong interest in devolution. Mr Dalyell's constituents were more concerned with their drains and pavements and Mr Cook had found a much keener interest in Namibia than in a Scottish assembly. They agreed it was crucial to destroy the apathy over devolution and to get people out to vote "no".

Our Political Correspondent writes: The Government might as well have passed the Scotland Bill by decree as gone through the "farce" it had imposed on Parliament, Mr Francis Pym, Conservative frontbench spokesman on devolution, said yesterday.

He issued a protest on the eve of the resumed debate on the Bill, when the referendum clauses will be discussed, to call attention to the fact that under the guillotine most of the clauses have gone through unconsidered.

"Parliament is letting the United Kingdom down, and that includes Scotland", he said. He complained that clauses on finance and devolved powers had gone through without a word of debate.

"The Government claims that this does not matter because the Scottish people will decide in a referendum whether the Bill is to be accepted", Mr Pym said. "Apart from the fact that there will be inadequate time to discuss the referendum clauses, Parliament has a duty to ensure that the Bill . . . is both workable and a genuine improvement in government."

100 expulsions from Fire Brigades Union

Because they ignored the national strike, more than a hundred full-time and part-time firemen and control room staff in Nottinghamshire are to be expelled from their local branches of the Fire Brigades Union, Mr Keith Maskery, the Nottinghamshire secretary of the union, said yesterday.

They included 17 full-time members who worked throughout the strike, but none of them would lose their jobs because Nottinghamshire did not have a closed shop.

"Branches have started to expel members who refused to join the strike, and while I am sorry to lose members, we are better off without people like that", he said.

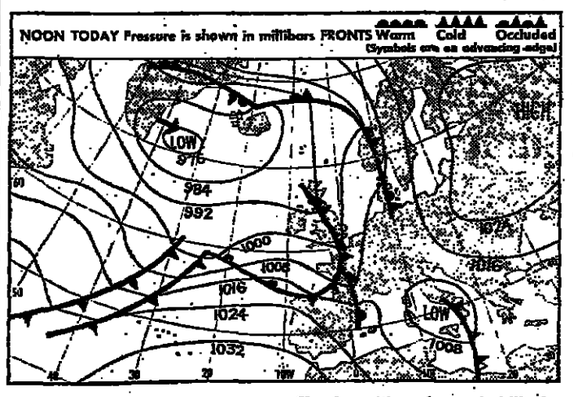
AA dispute spreads

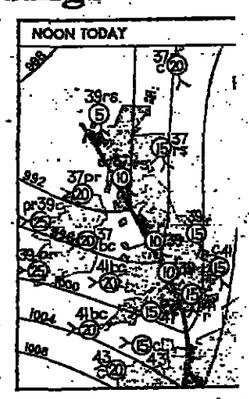
A work-to-rule over national negotiating rights by Automobile Association operations room staff at Stanmore, Aberdeen, Guildford and Southampton is to be stepped up to disrupt other areas, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs said yesterday.

Exmoor land plea

The Ramblers' Association has called for urgent legislation, as outlined in the Porchester report published in November, to stop the loss of moorland in the Exmoor National Park to agriculture.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.52 am Sun sets: 4.34 pm
Moon sets: 6.50 am Moon rises: 4.13 pm
Full moon: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 5.4 pm to 7.21 am.
High water: London Bridge, 1.17 am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 1.38 pm, 6.7m (22.1ft). Avonmouth, 6.35 am, 12.1m (39.6ft); 6.59 pm, 12.2m (40.0ft). Dover, 10.43 am, 6.1m (20.2ft); 11.4 pm, 6.4m (21.0ft). Hull, 5.40 am, 6.6m (21.6ft); 5.50 pm, 6.9m (22.5ft). Liverpool, 10.51 am, 8.7m (28.5ft); 11.9 pm, 8.6m (28.3ft).

Troughs of low pressure will cross many districts from the W, associated with a depression moving NE towards W Scotland.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, Midlands, SE, central S, central N, E and NW England: Bright spells at first, rain spreading from W, preceded by some sleet or snow on highest ground; wind S, fresh to strong, veering SW; max temp 5° to 6°C (41° to 43°F).

SW England, Channel Islands: Cloudy with rain and hill fog, showery later; wind S, strong to gale, veering W; max temp 6° to 7°C (43° to 45°F).

Wales, N Ireland, Isle of Man: Cloudy with rain, snow on hills, hill fog, showery later; wind S, strong to gale, veering W; max temp 5° to 6°C (41° to 43°F).

Lake District, Glasgow, Argyll, NW, SW Scodand: Cloudy with hill fog, rain spreading from W, preceded by snow in places, gradually showery later; wind SE, strong to gale, veering SW; max temp 3° to 5°C (37° to 41°F).

NE England, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Bright spells at first, cloudier later with rain and probably some snow, especially on hills; wind S, moderate, becoming SE, strong; max temp 4° to 6°C (39° to 43°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Rather cold and changeable, with rain at times and sleet or snow in places, chiefly in N; frost in places.

Sea passages: North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind S, strong or gale, veering W; sea very rough.

St George's Channel, Irish ... Wind S, gale, veering W, str... sea very rough.

Saturday

London: Temp: max 6 am ... pm, 7°C (45°F); min, 6 pm ... 6 am, 2°C (36°F). Humidity ... pm, 70 per cent. Rain, 24hr ... pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 2 ... Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, ... millibars, falling.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am ... pm, 7°C (45°F); min, 6 pm ... 6am, 3°C (41°F). Humidity, 6... 70 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6... 0.09in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 0... Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1... millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	f	2	36	Budapest	f	3	38	L Palmas	c	17	63
Algiers	f	15	59	Cardiff	s	5	41	Lisbon	f	13	55
Amsterdam	s	2	36	Chicago	s	-1	30	Locarno	c	4	39
Athens	f	12	54	Copnhgn	sn	0	32	London	c	3	37
Barbados	s	28	82	Dublin	s	4	39	Luxemburg	c	-1	30
Barcelona	c	8	46	Edinburgh	f	0	32	Madrid	f	8	46
Beirut	s	17	63	Florence	f	1	34	Majorca	c	12	54
Belfast	r	4	39	Funchal	f	18	64	Malaga	s	15	59
Berlin	sn	-1	30	Geneva	s	1	34	Malta	c	11	52
Bermuda	c	21	70	Gibraltar	f	14	57	Manchstr	r	3	37
Biarritz	c	10	50	Guernsey	r	4	39	Miami	c	21	70
Birmnghm	r	3	37	Helsinki	c	-3	27	Montreal	c	-2	28
Bristol	c	6	43	Innsbruck	s	1	34	Moscow	s	-13	9
Brussels	s	3	37	Jersey	f	6	43	Munich	c	-2	28
								Naples	f	11	52
								New York	f	-3	27
								Nice	c	4	39
								Oslo	sn	-3	27
								Paris	sn	1	34
								Reykjavik	an	0	32
								Rome	f	12	54
								Ronldsay	f	5	41
								Stockholm	f	0	32
								Tel Aviv	s	17	63
								Toronto	s	-4	25
								Venice	c	6	43
								Vienna	f	1	34
								Warsaw	s	-4	25
								Zurich	c	0	32

b—blue sky; br—bright; c—cloudy; d—drizzle; f—fair; fg—fog; g—gale; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—sun; sh—showers; t—thunderstorm; w—showers; periodical rain with snow.

Overseas selling prices
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Ways to improve cattle feeding systems

Agriculture

Leonard Amey

Cattle breeding appears to have outrun cattle management. That was implicit in much of the discussion at this year's winter conference of the British Cattle Breeders' Club.

There was a time when the forward-looking breeder, mindful of developments with pigs and poultry, pinned his hopes on the geneticist. The geneticist is still in the picture but not so much in the foreground.

Indeed, at Cambridge last week, it was nutritionists, physiologists and behaviour experts who were most prominent, though practical breeding programmes did figure. That the country's cattle have vastly improved during the lifetime of the club is not in dispute; the question is why they do not perform even better than they do.

In the background are those who think the developed world should feel guilty about using potential human food to produce animal protein. There are also those who pointed out that cattle and other ruminant animals come out badly in any input-production equation.

For the present grain and vegetable proteins are once more in commercial surplus, which is awkward for the politics of farming, but it has taken the pressure off those who turn them into meat, milk or eggs. It is not a position that is guaranteed to last.

No animal returns as much in the way of food as it eats. In terms of protein consumed and yielded the laying hen does about the best, with the average milking cow some way behind and the best cows about level.

The beef animal comes a long way down the scale; so does the sheep. Their only real compensation is that they can produce what they do from materials that hardly enter into direct human consumption: not only grass but even less promising fibrous material, and they can balance it with chemical nitrogen.

That versatility enables their owners to run them profitably on many different systems, using what feed is nearest to hand or easiest to administer. But an end-product like luxury beef requires luxury inputs, in feeding, labour, equipment, buildings or land.

The latest fashion in feeding cows for milk, which aims at high yields with more economy, is to give as much high-energy feed as early as possible in the lactation to push milk to a peak. Then, as the lactation curve falls, there is a move over to bulk feed. The shape of the curve depends, as has been shown, on the height of its peak.

Recent work on what happens inside the cow as it is fed suggests that much is wasted in present practice and that yields may be lost because of lack of appetite. In nature the bovine rumen works on bulk feeds at a pH of about 6.7. Pushing quantities of cereal concentrates into the rumen in single doses leads to acidity and discomfort.

Where cattle are housed we may end up with a system that gives them the opportunity to feed on a complete mixture whenever they feel inclined.

Something of the kind is already practised in the largest American units, but it looks as if a good deal more research is needed on the feed materials available here before it can be regarded as economic.

Whatever feeding system is adopted its economics will be improved by better forage conservation. Possibly that will come from chemical treatment of lower-grade materials, but the techniques are still being worked on, because most of them have proved to have some disadvantages at farm level.

Where climate permits, maize silage has obvious attractions, particularly combined with a legume. Recent work at the Rowett Institute on improving the digestibility of whole grain by treatment with alkali raises the possibility of harvesting a whole cereal crop—straw as well as grain—with a forage harvester. Winter rye looks most promising for that.

Recycling cattle manure as a protein element in rations has been studied for some years in the United States, and mixtures with forages and grain have been ensiled to produce what is called "wastelage". English trials at the Grassland Research Institute suggests that the best material for that would be the fibre which has been separated from waste slurry, the liquid portion being used as fertilizer.

Efforts to hold down production costs, the cattle breeders' conference was reminded more than once, are vital, because of potential competition from industrially produced foods, whose manufacturers can afford massive promotion spending. That is spreading from dairy products to the so-called meat analogues.

1.2 million rate rebates are left unclaimed

The total number of householders in England and Wales who received rate rebates during the year ended March 31, 1977, was 2.67 million. A further 1.2 million householders were eligible for rate rebate but did not claim during that year. The total value of rate rebates granted was £126.6m.

Environment, Jan 17

Answers in Parliament

A periodic digest of information given in parliamentary written replies with the sources and dates on which they appeared in *Hansard*.

Benefits for strikers: Expenditure on supplementary benefit for strikers and strikers' dependants, shown in brackets, at November, 1977, prices was: 1966 £4,400 (£384,000); 1971, £12,400 (£9,844,000); 1972, £385,000 (£17,783,000); 1974, £76,400 (£8,122,000); 1976, £2,400 (£410,000); 1977 (to end Nov), £5,200 (£1,612,000).
Social Services, Jan 13

Pound's purchasing power: The internal purchasing power of the pound fell by 78 per cent between 1952 and November, 1977, the latest date for which information is available.
Exchequer, Jan 16

Electricity discount: Some 1.6 million people received the electricity discount in 1977, nearly 70 per cent of those estimated to be eligible to claim. Publicity for the 1977 scheme cost just under £100,000. A provision of £250,000 has been made for 1978.
Energy, Jan 16

Beef production: Production of beef and veal in Great Britain (in thousands of tonnes) with United Kingdom figures in brackets, was: 1975, 1,085 (1,218.5); 1976, 967.4 (1,068.9); 1977 (provisional) 894.2 (1,019).
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Jan 16

Wives' income: The maximum income a week that a married woman can earn without having to pay income tax by PAYE is £18.17, if the married woman's code reflects only the wife's earned income allowance.
Exchequer, Jan 13

Youth training: Total expenditure on government subsidies and youth training schemes designed to reduce unemployment in 1976-77 was £172m and the estimated total for 1977-78 is £370m.
Employment, Jan 13

Commission salaries: The annual salaries of the chairman and deputy chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission are £10,308 and £7,521 respectively, and expenses necessarily incurred on the commission's business are reimbursed. Both posts are full-time.
Home Department, Jan 16

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HOME NEWS

Mr Rees accuses the Conservatives of harming race relations

By a Staff Reporter

Conservative "escapades" in the field of immigration policy had done "great harm to race relations in Britain", Mr Rees, Home Secretary, said yesterday. It was time for Mrs Thatcher and Mr Whitelaw to make clear that newspaper accounts of a new Conservative immigration policy were nonsense.

Speaking on the BBC Radio *World this Weekend* programme, Mr Rees was careful not to identify the Conservative leadership with last week's reports of toughening Tory attitudes on immigration, which, he said, might have originated with a West Midlands group of MPs.

Addressing the Co-operative party conference in Brighton later, Mr Rees accused the Conservatives of planning a "bash the immigrants" campaign at the next election. "I have to put it to Mrs Thatcher that to use the race as an electoral instrument is playing with political fire", he declared.

"Last weekend we saw the outlines of new Conservative policies on immigration. The hope is that in the ensuing arguments people will say: 'Good, the Tories are strong against immigrants'. The truth is that the Conservatives have no more than a few half-baked and contradictory ideas."

Mr Rees denied that uncontrolled numbers of immigrants were flowing into the country. "The figures for deportations show the firm action taken against those who break the law. We must stand up proudly for our positive belief in a multi-racial society. No election victory would be worth any compromise on these essential principles and values."

Mr Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Opposition and front-bench spokesman on home affairs, said last night: "It is said indeed that Mr Rees should know no better than completely to distort the Conservative position".

Men 'with Front badges' wreck public house bar

By Alan Hamilton

The police yesterday were seeking a gang of men claiming to be members of the National Front who wrecked the interior of a public house at Kennington, south London, and injured a barman and a customer during lunchtime on Saturday. The men, numbering between 16 and 20, escaped in taxis before the police officers arrived.

The National Front intends to investigate the incident. Mr John Tyndall, the movement's chairman, said he suspected that the wearing of badges was an attempt to discredit the front, but if those involved were members they would face disciplinary tribunal. The front could not condone such activity, whether from its own members or not, Mr Tyndall said.

The attack was on the Royal Vauxhall Tavern in Kennington Lane, a public house frequented by homosexuals. A customer hit on the head with a broken bottle was detained in hospital, and a barman had two ribs broken.

Mr Jack Patterson, head barman, said that the men, wearing National Front badges, had been drinking for about an hour but seemed sober. "All of a sudden one called out 'We'll smash this pub up' and about six minutes later it was all over." The men threw bottles and glasses at the bar, and stools and furniture were thrown about.

"The bar staff were helpless. I was not hurt, probably because I was a ballet dancer and I was able to dance underneath the missiles". Mr Patterson said. The men covered the bar with National Front stickers before leaving.

n brief

for fan woman

Naked' poster omplaint upheld

The Advertising Standards thority has upheld a com- nt from Mr David Holbrook out a poster advertising the n *Salon Kitty*. The poster, the London Underground, wed a row of naked women ring Nazi insignia.

The authority considered the ertisement to be in breach its code and said that em- sis on the film's depravity likely to cause an unaccept- e degree of offence.

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he Manpower Services Com- sion has given approval for first training workshop to set up under the Holland rt on opportunities for ng people.

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Newspaper is stopped by dispute

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

The Sunday Telegraph did not appear yesterday because of a union dispute over the introduction of a new packing machine in the dispatch room.

The entire print of the newspaper, about 900,000 copies, was lost and talks will be arranged early this week in an attempt to ensure publication next weekend.

A management statement said yesterday that members of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (SOGAT) had refused to operate a replacement machine, which ties bundles of papers with plastic tape instead of string.

The statement said: "Notice of its installation had been given to the chapel (union office branch) in December and they had raised no objection until Friday night. This type of machine is already in use in some 20 offices throughout the country."

The dispute has not affected production of *The Daily Telegraph*, where Sogat members have been using the machine since its installation almost a week ago.

The Mirror Group Newspapers' programme for introducing new printing technology has run into trouble, which is threatening the appearance of *Reveille* this week.

Reveille is due to be printed tomorrow for the first time by the company's new computerized composition process but the management is in dispute with National Graphical Association members over demarcation. The paper is intended to be the first of the group's five titles to use the new process in London, which will then be introduced for the *Daily Mirror*, *Sunday Mirror*, *The Sunday People* and *Sporting Life*.

NGA members are understood to be claiming that some work allocated to members of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) should be carried out by them. Talks are to continue today.

Blasphemous love poem read in public

By Penny Symon.

Extracts from Professor James Kirkup's poem, "The love that dares to speak its name", which was the subject of a prosecution for blasphemous libel, were read at a public meeting in Brighton last night.

The meeting was organized by the Committee against Blasphemy Law, and the extracts were read by Mr Francis Bennion, the author and barrister. He told the audience that he felt they had a right to know what had given rise to the first conviction for Britain for blasphemy for more than fifty years.

Gay News, the homosexuals' newspaper, in which the poem appeared, was fined £1,000 and its editor was given a suspended prison sentence of nine months and fined £500 at the Central Criminal Court last July after being convicted of blasphemous libel.

LIBERAL PARTY CONFERENCE



Mr Steel (left): "We have to be aggressive." Mr Smith (right): "Liberal vote is being weakened."

Mr Steel will choose right time to end pact

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Looking ahead to the general election, Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, assured the 2,300 delegates to the special Liberal assembly in Blackpool on Saturday that the party would fight on a broad front, with as many candidates in the field as possible.

Delegates cheered when he dismissed suggestions that the party's general election campaign committee was planning to concentrate resources on about thirty winnable seats.

Later, Mr Gruffyd Evans, chairman of the committee, in replying to a debate on strategy, gave the same undertaking and appealed to those constituency associations that had not selected prospective candidates to do so; 420 prospective candidates had been chosen and there was a list of approved people waiting for the call.

Mr Steel, who obviously had a majority of the delegates behind him, adopted a tough line in meeting the main attack on him over the pact with the Labour Party. As Mr Cyril Smith, MP for Rochdale, and others in the "anti-pact" faction developed their arguments it was clear that the question was not "Do we end the pact?" but simply "When?"

"This agreement ends in July, anyway", Mr Steel said. "The only question is whether we renew it for 1978-79.

"At the moment it is extremely doubtful that we would. I do not share the dangerously euphoric view that if you get inflation down to 9 per cent you have achieved some kind of economic miracle. I do not think there is room for that kind of complacency."

Nor did he think that if the Government simply used the North Sea oil windfall to reduce taxation without altering the whole structure of taxation in the way Mr John Pardoe, Liberal spokesman on Treasury affairs, and his colleagues proposed, any substantial social reform would be achieved.

"If we limp on with a hand-to-mouth kind of incomes policy, that is no substitute for the real permanent thing that we have advocated", Mr Steel said. "If you look at the statistics and see that we are producing less now than we did during the three-day week, I do not think we could go on to 1979 on that basis. If you look at poor industrial relations, there is no point in going on to 1979.

"Unless there is an attempt to move the economy to tackle the scandalous rate of unemployment there is no point in going on to 1978-79.

"If there is no agreement between us and the Labour Party and the Labour Government on these particular issues, as there certainly is not at the moment, I think it would be better to put our different policies to the electorate and ask them to judge."

Fear of political uncertainty

He firmly rejected the appeals of Mr Smith and his friends to end the pact now and have a kind of "on-off situation", day in and day out. "I do not believe that that kind of political uncertainty and instability would be good for the country, whichever government is in power," he said.

"We shall choose the right time to end our association with the Labour Government and we shall judge it on what is in the best interests of this country and of our own party at the same time."

The debate on the pact was opened by Mr Richard Wainwright, MP for Colne Valley, chairman of the party's standing committee, who moved a resolution that offered the option of ending the pact immediately or allowing Mr Steel, in consultation with senior officers of the party and the parliamentary party, to decide when it should be ended.

The resolution stated: "This assembly recognizes that the agreement between the Liberal MPs and the Labour Government has been in the national interest because it has strengthened the economy at a time of grave danger, has ensured that the Government maintains the attack on inflation, and has changed the direction of what had previously been a doctrinaire socialist government; deplores the fact that many Labour MPs have undermined this constructive approach to the country's problems, for example by cooperating with the Conservative leadership to frustrate democratic reform and European ideals;

"(either) therefore believes that the agreement should be ended immediately, (or) enacts by the time the Finance Bill, 1978, is enacted the Lib-Lab agreement will have successfully achieved its immediate purpose for the good of the country, and believes that the agreement should continue only until, in the light of this resolution, the leader of the party, in consultation with the senior officers of the party and with the parliamentary party, decides to end it; and is determined that, thereafter, the Liberal Party shall seek the endorsement of the British people at a general election for its achievements and policies."

Mr Wainwright said that in the Commons vote on proportional representation for elections to the European Parliament 162 Labour MPs had declared that 18 per cent of the British voters who voted Liberal would probably have no representation. It was not just the Liberal Party that was kicked in the teeth, it was one in five of the electorate.

"What nerveless, feeble and supine Liberals we would have been if we had not erupted immediately at this perverse, sectarian Labour vote in favour of gerrymandering, carried out in cynical alliance with Mrs Thatcher's secretly whipped troops", he said.

The precise effect of the Labour folly was now to be determined by the Liberal assembly, "but, in a general way, there is no doubt that their failure on PR, assuming they remain unrepentant, puts out of court any renewal of the present agreement".

Fight for radical principles

Moving the adoption of the first option, Mr Andrew Ellis, prospective candidate for Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, and the party's by-elections officer, said that in 1962 and 1973, when there was a great upsurge in Liberal support, it was not because the image was of a party of moderation, but of a party fighting for radical Liberal principles.

"We are asked to cooperate with a party which has become the natural party of unemployment", he said. "Unemployment on Tyneside is coming back to the level of 1930, with little hope for the lads and lasses. We cannot allow this to continue under our name."

Mr Roger Pincham, prospective candidate for Leominster, moving the second option, said that if there was an immediate end to the pact the party must be prepared for an immediate general election. (Cries of "No") Liberal MPs had said that if the conference voted in that way they could not be expected to continue with an unstable government into the summer or autumn. "It would also be seen that we had broken an agreement which was endorsed by our own assembly last autumn", he added.

Lord Evers, leader of the Liberal Party, pointed out a larger issue involved. For over 50 years the party had campaigned for electoral reform based on proportional representation. "By doing so we willingly accepted the position, indeed the inevitability, that from time to time we would have to enter into alliances or coalitions", he said. "If you are not prepared to do that, you ought to drop PR as a campaign."

A new factor emerging was the probability that the first-past-the-post system would result in further minority governments and "hung parliaments".

Liberals were learning the art of partnership politics. "We have to terminate the agreement at such a time that we do not impair our political integrity as reliable partners of other parties in the future", he said.

Mr Cyril Smith argued that if the pact was continued until July there would not be time for the party to establish itself in the minds of the electorate as an independent party before the general election came.

"Every week this pact continues it is weakening the party's potential vote at the next general election", he said. Hundreds of people had written to him saying that they would never vote Liberal while the pact continued.

"I said at Brighton that Labour will not walk along the Liberal road. They have proved it", he said. "Look at the 10 proposals for renewing the pact. People have said we should make it stiffer. Christ, we have not got what we asked for already."

Mr David Penhaligon, MP for Truro, asserted that the pact, as a mechanism for discussing issues with ministers, had produced results. He had managed to persuade Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, to take measures to help people in rural areas who had no transport at their disposal.

But his main argument for the pact was that it had controlled the extremists of British politics. "I believe firmly that it is the loonies of the left and the right who have largely caused this country to be in the trouble it is in today."

The Liberal Party, he added, should have a good look at the Budget and then send Mr Steel to see Mr Callaghan to tell him that the party believed in a four-year Parliament and wanted an election in October. If that was refused, the Prime Minister would be told that the party would vote against the Government on a no-confidence motion.

Mr George Waddilove, chairman of the Association of Liberal Trade Unionists, gave a warning against the possibility of "Moses Callaghan" turning out to be the Liberals' Pied Piper. If MPs did nothing about the millions of unemployed it would be goodbye to Parliament, never mind the pact.

Mr Patrick Coleman, chairman of the Young Liberals, said the only way for the party to establish its credibility and independence was to get out of the pact now.

Mr Stephen Attack (Henley-on-Thames), a former chairman of the Young Liberals, argued for the pact as a means of bringing Liberal influence to bear on political decisions.

Mr Stephen Ross, MP for the Isle of Wight, said that local government election successes in his area had shown the falsity of the claim that the party was "bleeding to death".

But Mr Derek Morse, leader of the Liberals on Durham County Council, insisted that in other parts of the country local election results had been disastrous for the party.

Mrs Claire Brooks, prospective candidate for Skipton, gave a long list of Liberal aims that had not been advanced by the pact.

Mr Russell Johnston, MP for Inverness, thought Mr Smith had been "politically illiterate" in arguing that the party could break the pact now and still maintain stability by refraining from bringing the Government down until the time was right. It would be like asking Mr Callaghan to put his head on the block.

Mr Steel received a standing ovation when he replied to the debate. He said it had been suggested that the Government had broken an undertaking on proportional representation for the Europe elections, but that was not so.

"It was an issue on which we nearly did not have an agreement at all", he said. "We went back several times to discuss this. . . . We were right to accept the agreement in the words which were used. I have to place on record that the Prime Minister delivered exactly what he undertook to deliver on PR." (Cries of "Rubbish!")

But the last Liberal assembly and later the party council attempted to impose a new condition on an agreement that had already been signed. "We got into the position where this party attempted to say to Labour MPs: 'Never mind the agreement, never mind that we have said that MPs should have more free votes, never mind the Labour Party conference decision against direct elections, we are telling you to vote for this, or else!'" That was not an intellectually respectable argument or even a credible one.

PR made into a 'major issue'

But there had been a big increase in the number of MPs voting for proportional representation and it showed how successful the Liberal campaign had been. "We have propelled electoral reform into the consciousness not only of the House of Commons but of the whole British people as a major issue, not just one for a Liberal assembly on a wet afternoon", Mr Steel said.

One lesson the party must learn from that episode was that its constitutional review committee should see that Liberals had new organs to ensure that the parliamentary party and the party outside Westminster worked in closer cooperation and coordination.

He recalled his warnings that working an agreement with Labour would not be easy, it would be unpopular and the party would lose members. But it was complete nonsense to talk about the life-blood of the party draining away.

Opinion polls had shown that most people thought the pact had been good for this country. If they were still not prepared to vote Liberal, that must be the party's fault—"your fault and mine"—but the potential Liberal votes must still be there.

"We will never project this agreement if we are apologetic and defensive about it", Mr Steel said. "We have to be aggressive and positive. We will never project it to the electorate until the party workers themselves are convinced we are on the right course."

When he spoke of the possibility of renewing the pact in July, many delegates shouted "No!"

He replied: "You must know that a week is a long time in politics and six months is an eternity. How do you know what you will do in July? How do you know what the political or economic situation is going to be?

"I cannot talk in certainties, but the probability is that the agreement will have served its immediate purpose. We shall have inflation down to single figures, assemblies for Scotland and Wales, the European elections Bill, and shall have started on the way to reducing the burden of income tax and started on legislation on profit-sharing."

Which was better, to face the electorate with a little book of detailed, worked-out schemes, or with legislation on the statute book? It would be the first time that tax incentives had been given to companies for introducing profit-sharing schemes and not even the Tories would be able to claim that it was the work of the IMF.

Mr Steel looked forward to obtaining the balance of power at the next general election, putting the thumbscrews on the next government and opening the door to the introduction of more Liberal policies.

"Whatever our disagreements about tactics, and they are natural in a healthy, robust, democratic party, let us be clear about our strategy; it is to get a Liberal government to create a Liberal society. That is what we are going to get if we keep our idealism, our radicalism—and if we keep our nerve."

The vote showed that 520 delegates voted for the "end-the-pact-now" option, and 1,727 for the option in Mr Steel's favour.

Mr Smith asks for unity

In an emotional speech during the next debate, on strategy, Mr Cyril Smith made a strong appeal to members of the "anti-pact" faction to cancel their bookings of halls for meetings planned as part of a campaign against the pact. "We fought our battle, we fought the good fight, we have lost it", he said.

"If we do not hang together, we shall hang separately. It is in the best interests of the Liberal Party that we should now unite."

Mr Smith was given a standing ovation.

There was a similar display of affection when Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the former leader, took part in a debate on direct elections to the European Parliament. The assembly passed unanimously a resolution to fight those elections, while protesting against the unfair system. The resolution also stated: "Those Liberal candidates who would have been elected under a fair voting system should take their places in the European assembly to illustrate forcefully the unrepresentative and undemocratic nature of the British delegation and to call into question that delegation's credentials."

Party leaders agreed afterwards that that was likely to be impossible, but it would be possible for Liberals from other European countries to challenge the British delegation's credentials.

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WEST EUROPE

M Chaban-Delmas is cheered at rally called by M Chirac

From Ian Murray
Paris, Jan 22

Gaullist candidates and party leaders were called to a pre-election rally in a Paris hotel today to be told by M Jacques Chirac, their leader, that the only enemy they had to face was the Opposition.

The gathering, behind closed doors, has been called at a time when the apparent unity of the Government majority coalition has been shattered by the Gaullists' refusal to continue to honour the election pact with their partners over tactics for the first ballot.

The reason was that the other parties have been drawing up a joint list of candidates without the Gaullists. The rejection of the pact has undermined the electorate's belief in the united front of the government parties, despite assurance from the party leaders concerned that they are all still partners.

M Chirac told the press after today's rally that he had told the Gaullist candidates that they must not enter into any political argument with other majority candidates. The Socialist and Communist Parties represented a dangerous adventure for the country.

His words to the press are in contrast with the continuing tough line he is taking in his dealing with the other parties. In a letter to the Centrists and the Republicans over the weekend M Chirac laid down his terms for a reunion of the majority liaison committee.

The terms are that the Radical Party (the coalition party strongly opposed to the Gaullists) should sign the joint election manifesto; that they should all publicly affirm their belief in a united majority; and that they should refuse to join any coalition against any other party of the majority.

The other parties have already made clear that they cannot accept these terms.

M Chirac wrote in his letter: "You must give the true reasons for an incomprehensible behaviour, only intelligible if there is a will to reduce the Gaullists and their national representation, be that to the detriment of the general interest and the majority".

It is clear that his anger with the other parties must have formed some basis of his address to Gaullist candidates at today's rally behind closed doors.

There has reportedly been a reconciliation between M Chirac and M Chaban-Delmas, the former Gaullist Prime Minister, who is standing as a candidate and thus turned up at the rally. This was the first Gaullist function he attended for some months. Before proceedings got under way, he was called up to the platform from the floor while the other candidates chanted his name alternately with that of M Chirac.

The leaders of the Socialist and Communist Parties have continued to abuse each other while expressing support for a common programme of the left. M Georges Marchais, the Communist leader, told a crowd of 30,000 in Marseilles yesterday that social progress would take a great leap forward after a new good common programme was introduced. He accused the Socialists of retreating before the battle, however, and leaning towards their old policy of collaboration with the right and the bourgeoisie.

M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, told a meeting in Brittany on Friday night that there could not be much bargaining after the first round of the election. The left would then be "swollen with hope" and it was necessary that one party did not stab the other in the back.

A Louis-Harris opinion poll in today's issue of *L'Express* shows that if the election had been held last week the left would have taken 259 seats compared with 232 for the present majority. The poll gives the Socialists and Left Radicals jointly 177 seats and the Communists 82. The other side would contain 127 Gaullists, and 105 Republicans and Centrists.

Despite these figures, only 21 per cent of those asked believed that the left could form a government, compared with 43 per cent who believed that the present coalition would be able to govern if it won a majority of the seats.

Hamburg arrest of suspected woman terrorist

Hamburg, Jan 22.—A woman arrested after a Hamburg gun battle yesterday was identified by the police today as Christine Kuby, a suspected member of West Germany's terrorist movement. Fräulein Kuby, aged 21, and a policeman were both wounded in the shooting.

A warrant for her arrest was issued by a Kaiserslautern court last November and a federal police statement said: "Suspicion exists that Christine Kuby took part in the bomb attack on the Supreme Court in Zweibrücken in October.

The police said today Fräulein Kuby was arrested in a chemist's shop where she had tried to obtain tranquillizers with a forged prescription.—Reuter and AP.

Two Germanies plan talks to ease tension

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, Jan 22

Herr Klaus Jürgen Wischnewski, Minister of State at the West German Chancellery, is to go to East Berlin for talks on easing tension between the two Germanies. He is expected to meet Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader.

Herr Wischnewski said on television tonight that the date of the visit had not yet been fixed.

Relations between the two German states became cool after the Hamburg news magazine *Der Spiegel* published a manifesto by what it said was an East German opposition group. East Germany said the West German Government and intelligence service were involved in the disclosures.

Bishops' death penalty plea

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 22

The bishops of France have come out against keeping the death penalty. In a report to be published tomorrow the 10 bishops, who form the Social Commission of the permanent council of French bishops, affirm that "the right to life is absolute".

Until now the church in France has condoned the use of the death penalty in certain circumstances, but the new report makes it clear that criminals must be covered by the Christian belief in the sanctity of life.

Dealing with the different reasons for favouring the death penalty, the report says that society "cannot dispose of the life of a man under cover of his culpability. The right to life is absolute and the death penalty is a form of scorn for human life".

Conference journey — by Fred Emery

Liberal profit made on special train

Perhaps it was Mr Jeremy Thorpe's jocular threat to have the chairman of British Rail summoned before a Commons Select Committee, or simply the commanding result of the vote for the pact with the Labour Party. The fact is that the special train which delivered 600 South-east Liberals to their Blackpool assembly, chilled and late, got them back on time and, of course, overheated.

The seven-and-a-half-hour journey proved to be a startling example of individual Liberal profit-making, rather than sharing. The official party treasurers were too timid to underwrite the train hire. So two young Liberals, Mr David Hewitt of Manchester, and Mr Ralph Bancroft, who works in the Commons Liberal whips' office, did the job.

They cleared, Mr Bancroft says, some £500 profit each; all that after paying the party for unspecified services and charging only £7.50 return (standard single fare, £10.50) and dispensing free raffle tickets for bottles of refreshment.

From start (on time) to finish the train had less of the feel of the Orient Express than of a genteel oriental bazaar. Hawkers proceeded up and down the corridors. *Essays on Liberalism* at 60p, sold by a tweedy man, were not in demand; a pullovered gentleman with lined coat-hangers at 15p also found few takers. But the eternal Liberal raffle tickets went better, especially when sold by pretty young women.

Surprisingly, there was little gregariousness of the milling up and down variety common on American political trains. Surprisingly, too, the three MPs on board, and the Party's organization officials, did not use the opportunity (except Mr Thorpe at the end) of a walkabout among their captive audience. They stayed closeted most of the time in the lone first-class coach, whose compartments were zealously guarded for them by their staffs.

But Liberals still have much to learn about using publicity opportunities. There was nothing in Blackpool to announce their gathering. The Winter Gardens hankered "The National Supper Fair", which had ended before the assembly started.

Inside, right next to the Liberals in the Opera House, an enormous political opportunity went begging. It was the "British Homing World Show of the Year", with 1,700 pigeons caged in the huge ballroom and perhaps 10 times that number of fanciers and racers expected.

I asked samples of both gatherings if they knew of the other, and although there was mutual ignorance, it was probably worse for the Liberals that Mr Steel did not take the chance of a brief excursion there with the television cameras: independent crowd, pigeon fanciers; good at communications, too.

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WEST EUROPE

French police seal off Paris in pursuit of suspected murderer

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 22

The police have thrown a cordon round Paris in the hope of catching France's most wanted man, a 28-year-old escaped prisoner called Yves Maupetit. Road blocks have been set up and a watch is being kept on railway routes in and out of the capital.

On Friday night he broke into a post office pensioner's home at Jouarre, in the Seine-et Marne department, tied up the warden and took his wife off as a hostage. Three hours later he returned, woke up the housekeeper and made her open the safe containing 20,000 francs (£2,200).

The housekeeper thought at first he was joking, but he convinced her by producing a newspaper picture, showing he was wanted for a double murder the previous weekend.

Yesterday lunchtime he released his hostage at the Gare de Lyon in Paris because she was making his detection more likely. She has told police that he nearly ran into a road block on two occasions while he was with her and had escaped by making a U-turn in the stolen car he was driving.

He had then abandoned the car and taken the new fast underground service from Champigny-sur-Marne to the Gare de Lyon. The police think that, with so much ready money in his pocket he has probably decided to stay on in Paris, which he knows well.

His trail of violent crime before breaking into the retirement home is being mapped for the police by Mlle Janine Terriel, a woman companion, captured as the couple ran into a police cordon at Champigny-sur-Marne after a brutal double murder at Sucy-en-Brie last Sunday night.

The grim story has spotlighted once again the statistics which show that crimes of violence are increasing sharply in France, a main reason why President Giscard d'Estaing has decided the time is not yet right for the abolition of the death penalty.

According to Mlle Terriel's statement, M Maupetit, after his escape, collected her from the Paris streets where she was working for him as a prostitute and they made their way to the Vendée, an area he knew well. Between then and January 12 they stole enough to provide them with food and a great deal of drink and they also took, used and crashed cars when they wanted them.



Wanted by police: Yves Maupetit.

On January 12 they visited a farm run by an old man known for some years to M Maupetit. He let them in and was killed. Two days later they broke into a house next door to that of a former employer and stole a gun and some cartridges. Within hours he used the gun to stop a car and steal the driver's handbag. Then they took the road to Sucy-en-Brie.

There they entered the home of M Yves Theureau, a prosperous local businessman, through the unlocked garden door.

M Theureau was watching television with his two sons at his feet. Told to put his hands up he replied: "This must be a joke". Mlle Terriel, who had the gun, said her boyfriend told her to shoot and she did, killing M Theureau outright.

His wife ran into the room at the noise and was made to bring out her jewelry and hand over 4,000 francs. Then the two boys, one with a bullet wound in the leg, were tied to a radiator. Their mother was taken off in her own Austin car as a hostage. Two miles down the road she was bundled out of the car and shot.

Mlle Terriel's account is borne out by the two boys, who managed to untie themselves and raise the alarm.

M Maupetit and his companion did not bother to escape but went on a drinking session in some cafés. The first time they ran into the police cordon they drove at one policeman, breaking his arm and leg to escape. The second time Mlle Terriel was captured but M Maupetit escaped, after shooting and seriously wounding two policemen.

Italian police move angers kidnap case family

Milan, Jan 22.—A sobbing wife and an enraged father today attacked the launching of a new police technique to fight Italy's kidnapping wave. It consists of seizing the ransome before the victimie is released.

On the express orders of Signor Ferdinando Pomarici, a Milan magistrate, 15 squads of national police, some in bullet-proof vests, ambushed and trapped three men on a main Milan street last night as they drove off with 800m lire (£470,000) handed over for the release of Signor Giovanni Belloli, heir to a lubricating oil fortune.

Signor Belloli, aged 25, was seized on October 24, in the sixty-third kidnapping of 1977, equalling the previous 1975 record set by Italy's kidnappers. By the end of 1977 the figure had risen to 76. The arrest and seizure is the first deliberate case since the wave of kidnappings started in 1970 of the police stepping in before a victime was released safely.

Signor Belloli's wife Graziella and his wealthy father Signor Terenzio Belloli were stunned when told of the police action. The wife telephone an Italian news agency and asked them to circulate a message to the kidnappers saying: "The Belloli family, absolutely unaware of the police initiatiev, express its indignation and regret because such action can only put my husband in serious danger. I ask that all investigations cease and ask the kidnappers to make immediate contact to clear things up".

The father said angrily: "I do not giev a damn if someone ends up looking good. My son's life is at stake and that is worth more than any promotion or medal. I want my son back home. That is all".

The police said they followed a small Fiat with Belloli representatives in it until a Mercedes-Benz with a false number plate drew alongside.

A brown suitcase holding the ransom passed from the small to the big car, which then roared off at high speed. About 100 yards farther on a police car cut in on the Mercedes forcing it to halt. A man jumped out and fired three pistol shots at the police who fired back with a submachine-gun.

Two men in the car surrendered and the third, with the pistol, was overpowered by another patrol after a crack on the skull with a police pistol butt.—UPI.

OVERSEAS

Mr Smith tells Britain to get off his back and not interfere with the internal peace efforts

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Jan 22

Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, told Britain at the weekend to get off his back. Speaking near Salisbury, he called on the British Government to refrain from decrying his efforts to reach an internal settlement and from attempting to frustrate the current talks in Salisbury.

Mr Smith said he would have thought that sincere efforts by blacks and whites to reach a settlement would be acclaimed abroad as they had been within the country. Instead, he found that a settlement fully satisfying the five principles laid down by successive British governments was no longer acceptable.

He found, too, that the principle of acceptability to the people of Rhodesia had gone by the board as well.

Mr Smith said that the British Government was in effect saying it would not support a settlement unless it was accepted by terrorists, leaders of neighbouring states who harboured the terrorists, and the Russians, who armed and equipped the terrorists—even though the settlement would be acceptable to the people of Rhodesia.

Mr Smith said that Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, spoke of international acceptance, but what he really meant was Russian acceptance and it was known that Russia had nothing to gain from a peaceful Rhodesian solution.

The Prime Minister said that the British Government should search its conscience and reassess whether it supported the peaceful and peace-loving people of Rhodesia or the terrorists to whose dastardly deeds it so conveniently turned a blind eye.

"I call on them once more, as I have done in the past, to get off our backs and stop hindering the progress of our country to peace and prosperity", Mr Smith declared.

Salisbury, Jan 22.—The Government has imposed a news blackout on its amnesty offer to nationalist guerrillas. dr Andre Holland, the Deputy Information Minister, said the ban was imposed "in the national interest" and after consultations with General Peter Walls, commander-in-chief of the Rhodesian armed forces.

The amnesty is open to guerrillas who reounce war, but it has not been made clear whether it applies to guerrillas known to have committed killings during the five-year-old war.

Meanwhile, the death of three white soldiers has been announced by the military command. They died accidentally in an explosion in an unidentified war zone in Rhodesia. One of them, Lieutenant Nigel Theron, aged 23, was the holder of one of the country's highest decorations for gallantry, the Bronze Cross of Rhodesia.—Agence France-Presse and AP.

Amnesty rejected: A black nationalist leader today called the Rhodesian Government's offer of an amnesty to guerrillas "an empty and shameless gesture", Maputo radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in London by Reuter, quoted Mr Simon Muzenda, vice-president of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu), as saying the amnesty could only be mentioned after the defeat of Mr Smith's white minority regime

Eloping princess is executed

By Penny Symon

A Saudi Arabian princess and her husband have been executed in public because they defied the royal family's decree forbidding women to marry ouside the family or a closely associated line.

Princess Misha, aged 23, was the granddaughter of Prince Muhammad bin Abdul Aziz, the eldest surviving son of Ibn Saud and the senior prince of the royal family. She eloped with the cousin of a Saudi Arabian mabassador after her family had rejected him as a commoner.

The couple's attempt to flee the country was discovered. King Khalid, Prince Muhammad's brother, refused to sign their death warrant, but he is said to have made no attempt to prevent his brother from imposing his discipline.

The executions, last November, took place in the market in Jiddah. The princess was shot in front of her husband, who was then beheaded. Other Saudi princesses wesre taken to the market place to watch the executions.

'Aggression by Hanoi' denounced in China

Peking, Jan 22.—Teng Ying-chao, widow of Mr Chou En-lai, the former Chinese Prime Minister, ho has just returned from a mission to Phnom Penh, said here today that China regarded Cambodia as a victim of "Vietnamese aggression", according to an informed source.

She was speaking to M Raymond Barre, the French Prime Minister, before he left on a railway visit to north-eastern China.

Observers said this was the first time that Peking had directly criticized Vietnam over its frontier war with Cambodia.

Mrs Teng is a member of the ruling Praesidium and of the Communist Party Central Committee, and is vice-chairman of the National People's Congress. During her four-day visit to Cambodia, ending yesterday, she had lengthy talks with Mr Pol Pot, the Prime Minister.

Her visit to Phnom Penh had aroused speculation of possible diplomatic moves to try to bring the warring sides to the negotiating table, but yesterday the Vietnamese Ambassador in Peking dismissed such speculation as "tendentious rumours".

M Barre said yesterday—before his meeting with Mrs Teng—that during his conversations Chinese leaders expressed the hope that peace could be restored in the region, based on a ceasefire and respect for the fundamental rights of individual countries.

As M Barre's special train pulled out of Peking tonight, a military band played and young girls danced and chanted "warm farewell" in the freezing cold.

M Barre was seen off by Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the deputy Prime Minister, with whom he had two rounds of official talks on the first two days of his five-day visit to China. On his journey he was accompanied by Mr Ku Mu, a deputy Prime Minister. They were visiting Liaoyang, where French firms are constructing a giant petro-chemical complex, Shenyang near by and then Shanghai.

Yesterday France and China signed a scientific and technical cooperation agreement, which M Barre said had "a profound significance".

The first of its kind that China has signed with a Western country, the agreement covers projects and studies which the two countries have in common, including research into animal genetics, medicinal herbs, computer hardware and software, telecommunications and geological exploration.—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

Our Bangkok Correspondent writes: The visit of General Vo Nguyen Giap, the Vietnamese Defence Minister, to frontier areas and warnings from Hanoi that "all patience is limited" may herald big new attacks and further advances into Cambodia by Vietnamese forces.

Intelligence sources here say renewed aggression by Cambodian forces, entrenched inside Vietnam for weeks past, have stung the Vietnamese. Cambodian artillery, which has a mavimum range of seven miles, has been shelling Tay Ninh, a provincial capital 11 miles inside the frontier.

The same sources say other Cambodian units have managed to get behind the Vietnamese lines, capturing a number of small towns in the Mekong river delta and inflicting heavy casualties on the Vietnamese. The heaviest fighting is now going on in the delta region.

Leftists tighten hold on Greek students' unions

From Our Own Correspondent
Athens, Jan 22

The leftists who have dominated the Greek student movement for many years, scored further gains in students' union elections held on Friday in all 63 faculties of the country's 12 universities and graduate schools.

The group affiliated to the pro-Moscow Greek Communist Party increased its share of the 552 board seats from 147 to 165.

The student branch of the pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) of Mr Andreas Papandreou, won second place with 144 seats, 42 more than last year. The group representing the Greek Eurocommunists who were displaced by Pasok in the general election, won 101 seats, 18 fewer than last year.

The conservative students supporting the ruling New Democracy, who complained of leftist intimidation, lost one seat and kept 66, which is less than 12 per cent of the total.

Soviet Jews dismayed by US optimism

Moscow, Jan 22.—Six prominent Jewish activists have complained to President Carter that United States optimism on emigration from the Soviet Union was unjustified and could itself harden Soviet policy.

In an open letter which reached Western correspondents yesterday, Professor Naum Meiman, a member of the dissident Helsinki group, Mr Alexander Lerner, a scientist, and four other academics said that they were dismayed by recent statements by United States officials.—Reuter.

Premature egalitarianism condemned by Peking

From David Bonavia
Hongkong, Jan 22

The question of equality and privilege is under intense discussion again in China, combined with a reevaluation of the results of the Cultural Revolution.

Lenin has been extensively quoted in the official press to show that inequality of earnings is necessary in the period before a country attains full communism, and that egalitarianism before that time is in itself a form of inequality, because it means giving equal rewards to people who make unequal contributions to society.

Inequality in distribution of rewards "is needed for the advance of society", according to a recent article in the Peking Kwangming Daily.

At the same time, the formation of special schools for bright children is being encouraged. From the primary school stage onwards, "key schools" will be available to give specialized training to children who show promise in particular fields.

The new emphasis on the importance of elites is accompanied by a wide-ranging denunciation of the assessments of post-revolutionary history made by Mao Tse-tung's widow, Chiang Ching, and her associates in the disgraced "gang of four".

This "radical" group, is alleged to have applied "two assessments" to many spheres of Chinese life, especially education, culture and publishing.

These were that the first 17 years of socialist China since 1949 were "dominated by a black line", and that intellectuals, even after the onset of the Cultural Revolution in 1966, were "bourgeois" and "revisionist". This is now being vigorously denied, and the usefulness of the "first 17 years" is being actively discussed.

The principal conclusion is that the "revisionist policies" allegedly pushed by Liu Shao-chi, the former head of state, were only a "sidestream", rather than a "mainstream", as asserted by the radicals—who said that most of what was worth attaining in China had been accomplished in the 11 years from 1966 to 1976.

Eastern US digs out of surprise blizzard

New York, Jan 22.—The north-eastern states of America dug themselves out at the weekend from under the worst blizzard for nine years. It was a storm that was not supposed to have happened, according to the weathermen. At least 25 people died, many from heart attacks while shovelling snow.

Driven by winds of up to 50 mph, the snow came shortly after forecasters had predicted only a few inches would fall and that it would be washed away by a following rain.

Instead, the storm buried Rochester, New York, under 30in of snow and Burlington, Vermont, under 24in. Providence, Rhodes Island, had 23in, Dayton, Ohio, 22in and Philadelphia 15in.

The weight of snow caved in roofs of more than a dozen buildings, including the dome over the 3,000-seat auditorium at a college in New York city, where 13in of snow fell. In Franklin, Massachusetts, 80 families were forced to evacuate their block of flats after part of the roof fell in.

In Maryland, a 75,000 sq ft tent erected for the Washington boat show collapsed under the weight of the snow.

Weathermen sheepishly admitted they had been wrong. "We did a rotten job this time", Mr Michael Fayne, a supervisor at the National Weather Service Office, said.

National Guard units were called out in Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland and New York to help clear snow from the roads and rescue stranded vehicles.

While weary north-easterners were burrowing out, the second big storm of the week drifted east across Texas, dumping more than 6in of snow on San Angelo in three hours. Heavy snow warnings were issued for the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The storm closed airports and resulted in the diversion of many flights, including one carrying 330 people from Cairo, Athens and Rome to New York. It ended up in Kansas City.

Today piles of snow still towered higher than the roofs of cars on some New York streets, but all main highways were passable. Freelance operators charged residents up to $50 (£26) to clear snow from driveways.

Skiers were out in Central Park and a woman was seen using snow shoes on Broadway.

Many rail systems were still paralysed, but officials at Kennedy airport were hopeful of getting flights moving again later today.—AP, Reuter and UPI.

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Prisoners of conscience



Argentina: Eugenio Gallin

By Clifford Longley

The disappearance of a tire family, well known respected in the medical munity in Buenos remains a mystery. The evidence that military or p units were involved, but n planation has been forthco from the Argentine Go ment and there is no w telling whether the arrests official or unofficial.

On November 12, 1976 Eugenio Gallina, a 65-ye specialist at Hospital Pi and co-owner of the Cruz clinic, telephoned his daug Señorita Batriz Gallina. has not been heard of sin

The flat she shared w friend was ransacked and occupants had gone. Neigh claimed that the Army had ted the flat.

Inquiries by the rest o family threw no light or matter but they might provoked what followed.

On the morning of Feb 24 last year, Señor Eu Daniel Gallina, aged 29, his wife, Marta Lidia, age went to work leaving children, aged seven and with the maid. He is a m student and the elder so Dr Eugenio Gallina. Bot and his wife disappeared friends presume they were napped in the street. No has been heard since.

The same day armed describing themselves as tary police broke into Gallina's home. His you son, Mario, aged 21, a me student, was bound and ga as was his fiancée. Whe Gallina returned he and were taken away. property, including a telev set, was also removed. fiancée was left tied up. Gallina's car was also take the furniture wrecked.

Nothing has been heard except that last July the was visited by men purpo to be from the Army. clinic was searched and account books examined. explanation was given.

Members of the me community in the city des Dr Gallina as well known his honesty and state tha family was thought to nothing to hide or to ashamed of.

Disunity among Christian Democrats throws shadow on new Dutch Cabinet's life

Dissidents hold balance in the Hague

From Robert Schuil
Amsterdam, Jan 22

The Dutch last week became finally well acquainted with their new Government, a centre-right coalition of Christian Democrats and conservative Liberals, led by Mr Andries van Agt, a Catholic.

The Government's policy statement before Parliament was followed by a three-day debate which was given extensive television coverage, parts of it live.

There were new faces behind the government table while most of the members of Mr Joop den Uyl's former left-of-centre coalition Cabinet of Socialists and Christian Democrats, ousted in the election of last May, settled on the parliamentary benches.

This was an unusual sight in The Hague where defeated prime ministers and other cabinet members usually retire on pensions and take up various directorships.

Expectations of any lively debate were disappointed. The Prime Minister and the leaders of the various parliamentary groups went through their prepared speeches. In his much awaited new role as Leader of the Opposition, Mr den Uyl did not manage to get to grips with Mr van Agt's vague declaration of intent.

As the debate dragged on, it slowly emerged that the most powerful politician present was neither the Prime Minister nor the Leader of the Opposition but the parliamentary leader of the Christian Democrats, Mr Willem Aantjes. During the formation of the van Agt Cabinet he was one of the seven dissident Christian Democrats who refused to approve the coalition pact with the Liberals.

The Christian Democrats are far from homogeneous, either confessionally or politically. In fact they operated as an entity for the first time at national level in the general election last May.

The present party is a combination of the middle-of-the-road Catholic People's Party, the Calvinist Anti-Revolutionary Party, which generally advocates progressive policies, and the right-wing Protestant Christian Historical Union.

Mr den Uyl's coalition with the Christian Democrats included only the Catholics and the Calvinists while the Christian Historical Union was in opposition.

For the past decade or two the religious basis of political parties has been weakening. Solidly entrenched in the southern Netherlands, the Catholic People's Party for a long time dominated Dutch politics as the country's largest political party. The northern Netherlands were politically divided between the different Protestant parties, the Socialists and the Liberals.

But as the Roman Catholic Church began to lose its grip on politics in the southern provinces and voters started to think more in political than religious terms—a phenomenon also extended to the Protestant parties—the political power of these parties became eroded. It took the present combination of three religious parties to turn the Christian Democrats into the second largest political party.

While the Socialists, now the biggest party with 53 of the 150 seats in Parliament, gained 10 seats in May and the Liberals increased their share from 22 to 28 seats, the Christian Democratic Alliance managed to gain only one seat making a total of 49.

Mr van Agt's coalition has 77 out of 150 votes in Parliament. But eight of these are controlled by Mr Aantjes and his dissidents, both Calvinists and Progressive Catholics. They refused to approve the coalition pact and they were joined by Mr Jaap Boersma, the Calvinist Minister of Social Affairs in the den Uyl Government, who reassumed his seat in Parliament.

It emerged from last week's debate that the Christian Democratic Prime Minister feels closer to his Liberal coalition partners while the leader of his parliamentary group, whose eight dissidents hold the balance of power, feels closer to the Socialist opposition.

On any issue of importance on which the dissidents find themselves at loggerheads with the Liberals, the coalition will face a potential crisis.

In the longer run this situation seems detrimental to the Christian Democrats. The first suggestions have already been heard of future closer relations between Labour and Liberals. The new parliamentary leader of the Liberals, Mr Jacob Rietkerk, is likely to be not so strongly anti-socialist as his predecessor, Mr Hans Wiegel, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior. The new trend may become apparent in the provincial elections to be held on March 29.

Mr Ponomaryov leads to Soviet team to America

Moscow, Jan 22.—A high-level delegation, headed by Mr. Boris Ponomaryov, the Communist Party foreign policy expert, left Moscow today for an 11-day visit to the United States to assess the Carter Administration's commitment to improving Soviet-American relations.

Travelling as guests of the United States Congress, the party will meet Mr Vance, the Secretary of State, and visit Houston, Los Angeles, Detroit and New York.

Mr Ponomaryov visited Britain in October, 1976, and he was greeted by demonstrations and parliamentary protests claiming that he had directed the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Angry Soviet officials let it be known that the episode ruled out an early visit to tain by President Brezhne

In addition to Mr Pono yov, an alternate membe the Politburo and secreta the party central commi the delegation includes Georgi Arbatov, the Krem leading specialist on Ame affairs.

Others are Dr Ni Inozemtsev, Director of Soviet Institute of W Economy, Mr Georgi Zhuk political commentator, and Leonid Zamyatin, head of news agency.

Progress in strategic limitation talks has impr the tone of Soviet-Amer relations, but the Kremlin has misgivings over Presi Carter's stand on hu rights.—UPI.

Jakarta students held and newspapers shut down

Jakarta, Jan 22.—Indonesia jailed eight more student leaders here today as the Governmen moved to stamp out opposition to President Suharto.

Informed sources said more than 40 student leaders had been arrested in the past two days in action which General Maraden Panggabean, the Defence Minister, said was aimed at preserving peace and srability.

"The armed forces will not let small irresponsible groups spark trouble which can burn down the whole nation", he said. Six Jakarta newspapers have been closed down.

The Government yesterday banned all activity by student councils, accusing them of acting against the law and using universities and schools.

Troops guarded two univ ties in Jakarta today armoured cars patrolled capital. There was a str guard outside President S arto's residence

Student groups have b campaigning against Presic Suharto's reelection for anot five years by the Natic Assembly in March. Presic Suharto, who has been in po since 1966, is the sole candid

Officials said the governr crackdown was designed to vent a repetition of the stuc demonstrations of 1974, w 11 people were killed in a government riots.—Reuter Agence France-presse.

Bomb follows Libya visit

Madrid, Jan 22.—A Canary Islands separatist group today claimed responsibility for the bombing of a Tenerife bank last night in which one person was injured.

The attack followed a visit to Tripoli by King Juan Carlos's father, Don Juan de Borbón, to discuss the Canary Islands with Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader.

Señor Antonio Cubillo, leader of the Movement for the Independence of the Canary Archipelago, said in a telephone call to the Spanish national news agency, from his Algiers headquarters that the bombing was a response to the Libya talks.

Don Juan was reported to have expressed Spain's concern at the possible discussion of the Canary Islands question at the forthcoming meeting in Tripoli of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) decolonization committee.

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Express train trapped by snow in France

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 22

Two schoolchildren and an assistant driver were killed last night when their coach was in collision with a trailer on an icy road between Bourges and Moulins in central France. The children were on their way to a skiing holiday in the Massif Central.

Several villages in the Ardèche have been cut off by snow driven by an 80-mile-an-hour wind known locally as la burle (the joke). The Army has sent in 250 Alpine troops to help in the area and military helicopters are on hand to fly supplies to the villages.

Helicopters yesterday lifted some of the passengers who were trapped on board an express train half way between Clermont-Ferrand and Marseilles on Friday night in snow drifts. The train was freed today by a snow plough.

The prefect of the Ardèche called off the test stages of the Monte Carlo motor car rally

Namibia 'urged to accept offer from S Africa'

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Jan 22

Africa states have advised black leaders in South-West Africa (Namibia) to accept independence from South Africa should it be granted, it was claimed this weekend.

The claim, by Chief Clemens Kapuuo, leader of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA), is seen as a further hint that South Africa is preparing to go it alone to bring Namibia to independence by the target date of December 31, 1978, if efforts by the Western powers to arrange an internationally acceptable agreement continue to be deadlocked.

The DTA is the political party formed among black and brown delegations at the Turnhalle constitutional conference in Windhoek, set up at South Africa's behest and whose independence blueprint was rejected by the West.

Chief Kapuuo travelled to New York last November to try to see African delegations at the United Nations. He told a rally this weekend at Katatura African township, outside Windhoek, that he had been told by African leaders that Namibia should accept an independence package from South Africa.

He said he did not expect that the territory's independence would be recognized immediately but he was sure that once most countries recognized it, others would follow.

More than 4,000 people, including whites, attended the rally which is said to be the first multiracial political rally held in the territory. It was organized by the DTA to launch its election campaign for Namibia's constituent assembly.

No election date has been set, but it is expected that it will be held by July at the latest.

Athens distrusts Mr Ecevit

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Jan 22

Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State, flew to Washington today after spending 48 hours in Ankara and Athens exploring the prospects of a Cyprus settlement that would ease problems of Western defence in the area.

Hopes of progress have been raised by Mr Bulent Ecevit, Turkey's new Prime Minister, who has promised Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, that he will make concrete proposals within the next few weeks.

Mr Vance talked with Mr Ecevit at length, but the impressions he conveyed to the Greek leaders of Mr Ecevit's intentions were not enough to dispel their scepticism.

Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, said last night after a meeting with Mr Vance lasting over two hours: "If the (Turkish) proposals are conducive to an honourable and fair solution, Greece will respond positively. If, however, Mr Ecevit's objective is merely to create false impressions, he is committing an error. The frustration of these hopes will lead to a deterioration of the situation."

It was these reservations that the Greek side tried to impart to the Americans. The Turks, they said, were probably trying to give the impression of an impending Cyprus settlement in order to induce the United States Congress to lift the arms embargo imposed on their country.

Mr Vance was told that Athens was considering Mr Ecevit's offer to Mr Karamanlis. The Greek Prime Minister said he was ready to meet "anyone, anywhere", but he argued that a summit meeting without adequate preparation and the timely corroboration of Mr Ecevit's good intentions, would be unwise.

Mr Karamanlis said Mr Vance had assured him that he was proposing no solutions for Cyprus, but would hold him at the disposal of the Uni Nations Secretary-General help should the interested p ties consider it useful.

Cyprus, therefore, rema the key to all the other p blems in the area. Congress, instance, is unlikely to ra the United States-Turk defence cooperation agreem until there is definite progr on Cyprus, and Turkey is likely to authorize the reacti tion of American bases th there until the defence agr ment, which terminates embargo, is passed.

The Greeks refuse to si their own bases agreement w the Americans, which w initialled last July, for fear t this would ease the passage the Turkish agreement, befo the Cyprus question is settl The Greeks, moreover, unlikely to return fully into t integrated military structure Nato until a Cyprus settleme is reached.

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OVERSEAS

Mrs Gandhi's claim to 'executive privilege' challenged

om Richard Wigg
elhi, Jan 22

Mr Morarji Desai, the Indian ime Minister, has disputed rs Indira Gandhi's claim that e oath of secrecy she took en assuming the Prime Min- er's office constitutionally rs her from assisting the Shah mmission's investigation into y excesses of the emergency.

Speaking in Bangalore today, Desai argued that this Indian rsion of executive privilege uld be invoked by his pre- cessor only in order to pro- t the public interest "and t to put one's self above it".

Mrs Gandhi faces proceedings fore the Delhi courts on two nplaints of contempt brought Mr Justice Shah, a former ief Justice, who is conduct- an inquiry ordered by the nata Government into Mrs ndhi's 20-month-long emerge- A magistrate has sum- ned her to appear on Febru- 9.

Mr Desai conceded that last ek's Cabinet decision to with- w immediately as legal ten- bank notes of 1,000 rupees 56), 5,000 rupees and 10,000 ees denomination was in- ded to hinder illegal financ- by political parties as well to curb blackmarketing and uggling. Mrs Gandhi protes- at the weekend against any alse propaganda" that the ve had been directed against She denied possessing a gle note of high value.

Both Mr Desai and Mrs ndhi were engaged in the st skirmishes in the cam- gn for next month's elec- ns to state legislative emblies in Andhra Pradesh, harashtra, Karnataka (for- rly Mysore), Assam, and halay.

The Prime Minister was ending the first Janata Party ecutive meeting in Bangalore from where the party intends to launch its assault on southern Indian state governments run by Congress. Its chief aim is to exploit the split in the Congress engineered by Mrs Gandhi. Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are closer to the Gandhi camp, Maharashtra and Assam to the "official" Congress.

Mrs Gandhi has called on her Congress followers to observe a well publicized fast on Monday week, the anniversary of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, as a protest against "the repression of the Untouchables and others by the present regime".

It is already clear that both the Janata Party and Mrs Gandhi's Congress will be trying to secure the votes of the poorest among the electorate.

The Janata executive launched a rehash of its general election manifesto of last March for the state polls, but with key promises for the south's benefit tacked on.

It promises to set up an official commission to protect the interests of the underprivileged classes, like the Untouchables, and to respect regional languages, whereas in northern India Janata customarily champions the claims of Hindi to be the single national language.

Delhi, Jan 22.—The wraps were back today on a "mother and child" statue recently put up at the Supreme Court lawns after protests that the woman figure too closely resembles Mrs Gandhi.

About 60 lawyers have protested against the installation of the statue, which is to be unveiled next month.

Mr Chintamoni Kar, the sculptor who created it, has dismissed the criticism as "absolutely stupid", the *Statesman* reported today.—Reuter.

Israel frees top Palestinian political prisoner

Tel Aviv, Jan 22

Mr Taisar al-Arusi, the senior Palestinian political figure held prisoner in Israel, was set free last week after nearly four years in detention without trial, Mrs Felicia Langer, his lawyer, said today.

Mrs Langer, who regularly represents communists and Arab nationalists suspected of subverting the Jewish state, said Mr al-Arusi's detention was a record for persons held in Israel under administrative detention.

She said he was arrested in April, 1974, and released on Wednesday without once being interrogated or charged. He was periodically sentenced as a "risk to the security of the state" by the military governor of Judea and Samaria, who was invoking the authority given to him under the defence (emergency) regulations enacted by the British administrators.

[Mr al-Arusi featured in *The Times* Prisoner of Conscience column on November 7.]

Deserter remanded on hijack charges

Karachi, Jan 22.—Nazir Mohammed, an Army deserter seized yesterday morning after the hijack of a Pakistan International Airlines aircraft, was remanded in custody here for seven days on charges of wrongful confinement, extortion and attempted murder.

SPORT

Rugby Union

Gallion lights the way for France

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent



Rafter's run is ended by the tackle of Rives as Scott and Horton (right) support.

At the end of an immensely hard yet always wholesome struggle at Parc des Princes on Saturday England yielded honourably to the better, faster more imaginative side by two goals and a penalty goal (15) to two dropped goals (six). They had led 3—0 for almost all of the first half, after the simultaneous loss — at the half hour—of Maxwell, borne off on a stretcher with a torn medial ligament, and of Dixon, with a sprung collarbone. They had led again, 6—3 until 15 minutes into the second half, by which time Cowling, their loose-head prop had suffered dislocation of a shoulder.

By then England had used up their quota of replacements—Kent for Maxwell in the centre, Neary (his thirty-fourth cap) for Dixon on a flank, Cowling, the joint having been put back in to place, refused to leave the field though urged to do so by the RFU's doctor, Leon Walkden. At the next scrummage it came out again, but somehow he found the resolution to withstand the agony and to last the course. If there were medals for rugby heroism, Cowling would have earned a special minting.

A previously buoyant English scrummage was then of course subject to unexpected if not unbearable pressure and, all things considered, it kept the flag flying remarkably bravely. The departure of Dixon was a serious blow, too, because he was leading and controlling the forward charge in the loose. All this on a sudden spring-like day made to measure for France.

England, it is true had enjoyed that early lead through the failure of Vivies and Aguirre to land two penalty goals apiece, and thus had been thankful for the absence of Romeu. They had failed, for all the good possession won, to score a try and had scarcely threatened to run one in. But for a long time the initiative was theirs, two famous French flankers were muted and Vivies the opposing stand-off, was finding his early baptism a miserable one.

It was Gallion, the new scrum half, who lit the way ahead for France in a first appearance of unusual brilliance. His service off both hands had been impressive from the outset. Now, with gathering confidence, he began to split England's close defence with a number of swift and elusive breaks. One thrust, down the middle, taking him past Hare's tackle but snuffed out by Maxwell from behind, was a portent of things to come.

France were to cross England's line twice, after forward passes. But in the second half it was a dart by Gallion that set up the maul for the first French try. He then brought his day to a dazzling conclusion by sniping with sidestep and vivid acceleration straight past Burton and the hapless Cowling at a line out on England's 22 and, with both scores converted by Aguirre, the result was sealed.

That first try was a gem of its kind, too. Aguirre outstanding in all ways save as goalkicker, timed a diagonal run in front of Bertranne to perfection then swayed outside, and so spreadeagled the defence that the last pass was a formality.

There is no question that this beleaguered England side for all its evident want of creativity and pace, has developed under Bill Beaumont an unquenchable team spirit. "A bit of bottle," the skipper calls it. The scrummaging, even at full strength, was not quite so solid as last season, but the lineout produced a clear advantage, 29—17. Here, Nigel Horton superbly came up trumps in spite of forebodings about his fitness and Scott contributed a full, competitive part in a promising first appearance. England still have a pack to be reckoned with, but where, oh where, is the cutting edge behind?

Prompted by some astute kicking at half back, notably by Young, England set up the early positions but, though Squires frequently beat his man on the inside, their backs could not penetrate a midfield defence that was as conclusive and uncompromising at the set pieces as France can ever have revealed. It was a stunning tackle by Bertranne that finished Maxwell. Hospital passes became a rather frequent order of the day.

Still, England got the start they wanted when, in the second minute, Gourdon failed to find touch out of his 22. Hare kicked back and Old used quick, loose possession to persuade an underinflated ball (which clearly worried all the kickers) just to reach its target from an angle on the left. Old's kicking, of all sorts, was later to go off the boil—he missed an important, eminently kickable penalty in the first half—but, after Aguirre had made it 3—3 with a penalty shortly before the interval Gourdon was at once in trouble again.

This time he dropped a kick from Old, and Sieman despatched a long and accurate infield pass for the stand-off to land his drop shot. England badly needed that score for France were developing an ominous rhythm.

Maxwell, who expects to undergo an operation on his knee, sadly will be out for the season. Dixon and Cowling must miss the Welsh match at Twickenham on Saturday week but, with luck, should be fit to face Scotland four weeks later. Nelmes at last must be due for his first cap in Europe at loose head. Kent, playing with typical commitment once he had settled in, should remain in the middle, but there will be debate about the flank positions. Rafter and Neary both being much more effective on the open side.

The selectors may consider Colclough, who plays loose forward for Angoulême, and they may think again about the creative virtues of the left centre, Dodge. Corless made a number of errors, the last of them a knock-on of an accurate pass when England had good loose ball.

France, not surprisingly, have announced that the same side will meet Scotland in Edinburgh on February 4.

FRANCE: J. M. Aguirre (Bagnères); J. F. Gourdon (Bagnères), R. Bertranne (Bagnères), C. Belascain (Bayonne), J. L. Averous (La Voulte); B. Vivies (Agen), J. J. Gallion (Toulon); J. P. Bastiat (Dax), J. C. Skrela (Toulouse), M. Paloue (Brages); J. F. Imberton (Perpignan); J. P. Rives (Toulouse), R. Paparomborde (Pau), A. Paco (Bezières), C. Moulley (Castres).

ENGLAND: D. Hare (Leicester); P. Squires (Harrogate), B. Corless (Moseley), A. Maxwell (Headingley), M. Slemen (Liverpool); A. Old (Sheffield), M. Young (Gosforth), J. Scott (Rosslyn Park), D. Dixon (Gosforth), N. Horton (Toulouse), W. Beaumont (Fylde), N. Rafter (Bristol), M. Burton (Gloucester), P. Wheeler (Leicester), R. Cowling (Leicester).

Referee: N. Sanson (Scotland).

Trial leaves questions unanswered

By Peter Walker

Welsh trials are either conclusive or inconclusive. It all depends on whether you are a selector or a spectator. After Saturday's emphatic 24—3 win by the Probables, the selectors could rightly claim that their calculations were right, even allowing for the absence through injury and illness of J. J. Williams, Windsor and Cobner as well as the withdrawal of Quinnell midway through the second half with a slight knee strain.

But the game, described by a couple of experienced Lions afterwards as "a complete waste of time", did not resolve the two most pressing problems that face Wales as they turn their faces towards Twickenham in 12 days and to the defence of the Triple Crown. In the centre only Gravell, restored to the Probables at the expense of Burcher, could feel that the day out on the national stadium had done anything to enhance his case.

It was from a typical bustling run inside the Possibles' 22, which carried him through an attempted tackle by Burcher, that led to the Probables' opening try by Gerald Davies. Thereafter, he was all fire and muscle, qualities that the Welsh three-quarter line lacked last season.

With far fewer opportunities to show their paces, Swain and Burcher grew progressively more disheartened and disillusioned. Surely there is a case in trial matches for swapping the backs at halftime to see what each are capable of behind winning and losing packs? Alongside Gravell, Renwick, who has been ponderous and lethargic since returning from New Zealand, looked much sharper all round, adequately fulfilling the role he played so well for Wales last season of linking and tackling with few mistakes.

The other area of contention is the back row where Squire looked no more than a competent wing forward. Indeed, the man who caught the eye in this position was the Possibles Shellard, of Pontypridd, a likely member of the party of 30 players to be announced this morning.

Withdrawals affect the Possibles XV as the best reserve players are shifted across to fill in gaps in the senior side. That was the case on Saturday. Unfortunately, once the game had started, most of the injuries were on the Possibles side.

The most significant occurred just before half time when Brynmor Williams, who had matched the peerless Edwards, damaged a rib cartilage and had to retire. Behind a beaten and, in the second half, a disrupted Possibles pack, Alun Lewis, the replacement scrum half—what strength in depth Wales have in this department—had little chance to show his undoubted class.

With so much experience of playing and training together, the result of the trial in favour of the Probables was almost a foregone conclusion. It calls to mind once again the now ageing debate on the value of such matches since the inauguration of group coaching sessions.

PROBABLES: J. P. R. Williams (Bridgend); T. G. R. Davies (Cardiff), S. W. R. Gravell (Llanelli), S. P. Fenwick (Bridgend), G. Evans (Newport); P. Bennett (Llanelli), G. O. Edwards (Cardiff); A. Faulkner (Pontypool), M. Watkins (Cardiff), G. Price (Pontypool), A. J. Martin (Aberavon), G. A. D. Wheel (Swansea), J. Squire (Newport), D. L. Quinnell (Llanelli), J. Mantield (London Welsh).

POSSIBLES: C. J. Webber (Newport); H. E. Rees (Neath), M. K. Swain (Moseley), D. Burcher (Newport), R. Ellis-Jones (London Welsh); J. D. Bevan (Aberavon), D. B. Williams (Newport), J. Dale (Newport), A. Phillips (Cardiff), J. Dixon (Aberillery), R. Clegg (Swansea), J. Perkins (Pontypool), G. Williams (Bridgend), C. Davy (Newbridge), M. Shellard (Pontypridd).

Referee: C. Thomas (Tonges).

Scotland must reshape drastically

From Richard Streeton
Dublin, Jan 22

Only tenacious tackling and an unquenchable spirit enabled Ireland to cling safely to a narrow advantage here yesterday as Scotland reserved their most forceful attacks for injury time. Ireland won by a goal and two penalty goals (12 points) against three penalties (nine). It will be some time, one feels, before Ireland are again a power in the international championship, but at least an end has come for them to what, in terms of success, has been a lengthy rugby famine.

For Scotland the immediate future looks bleak, even leaving aside, for the moment, a conscientious decision to run a late penalty rather than attempt a fairly simple kick which would have brought a draw. Inside a fortnight Scotland play France, by which time a start will have had to be made, surely, on some drastic reshaping of an aging team, both in selection and tactical policies.

The lack of positive Scottish thinking in midfield was extraordinary at Lansdowne Road, remembering how much possession was won. Irvine's selection on the wing became even harder to accept once there seemed little effort to give his attacking ability a clear-cut chance. In the tight Scotland were well served, but there was an absence of cohesion in other areas of their forward play.

It would have been raw justice if Ireland had been deprived of this victory, even if the stamina of their lighter forwards did wilt surprisingly towards the end against more seasoned opponents. Ireland have a gap of four weeks before they play again, when France are met in Paris on February 18. Gibson, who returns to club football next weekend, will presumably come in then for McKibbin and a question mark must hover over Grace's place on the wing. Otherwise the selectors will probably not wish to tinker and tamper with a winning team.

Moloney, the captain and scrum half, could be faulted for a slowish and sometimes too high a pass, but he led the team with distinction and played an important part in helping Ward to settle down. Ward's confidence to pass will grow with experience. Among the other new caps, McNaughton tackled ferociously in the centre; Spring at lock was always where he was needed; and Fitzpatrick did nothing obviously wrong in the tight and was often prominent in the loose.

Duggan and Slattery were Ireland's greatest heroes with Keane not far behind them. It was a determined team effort that enabled Ireland to overcome other shortcomings and nobody had more fire in their belly than these three. Ireland would definitely have lost without Duggan's courage in returning to the fray early in the second half after treatment to a damaged shoulder.

Scotland's thrust in midfield consistently ended like the tenpins the Irish knocked down before the match when they relaxed at an indoor bowling alley. Tomes did some good two-handed catching in the lineout early on at the front and middle, but Ireland lost nothing at the back. Morgan and Wilson were unimaginative at half back for Scotland. Hay played as well as anyone behind the forwards, but it cannot be reiterated enough that Scotland cannot afford the luxury of Irvine's uninvolvement as a wing.

Morgan's altruistic decision to take a tapped penalty near the Irish line in the dying seconds was argued about all night and will be debated for years to come. When your side is 12—9 down in a championship match it is certainly contrary to practice to gamble on a decisive score rather than the near certainty of a draw. It happened in the eighth minute of injury time when Scotland, pressing hard, forced a lineout on the left. An Irish forward illegally barged and Morgan spurned a place kick 15 yards in and decided to run the ball. It earned some remarkable and spontaneous applause from the crowd tinged possibly with relief. The movement quickly died as the ball carriers were enveloped by green shirts and the final whistle was blown.

The match, overall, was too physically hard to be an entertaining one. Morgan and Ward kicked penalty goals in turn and the score was 6—6 when Ireland scored the game's only try during seven minutes of injury time added to the first half. It was a good one.

From well inside his own half, Orr launched into a good run, carried on by several forwards until a scrummage ensued near the Scottish line. An untidy Scottish heel followed and Slattery beat Morgan and sent over McKinney, who had only come on two minutes earlier as a replacement for a concussed O'Driscoll. Ward converted. In the 36th minute of the second half Morgan kicked a third penalty goal for Scotland and later missed another feasible chance before those frenetic closing minutes of Scottish assaults.

IRELAND: A. Ensor (Wanderers), sub. L. Moloney (Garryowen); T. O. Grace (St Mary's), A. McKibbin (London Irish), P. McNaughton (Greystones), A. McLennan (Wanderers); A. Ward (Garryowen), J. J. Moloney (St Mary's), P. Orr (Old Wesley), P. Whelan (Garryowen), M. Fitzpatrick (Blackrock College), M. I. Keane (Lansdowne), D. Spring (Dublin University), J. O'Driscoll (London Irish), R. McKinney (Dungannon), W. Duggan (Blackrock College), J. F. Slattery (Blackrock College).

SCOTLAND: B. H. Ray (Boroughmuir); A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP), J. M. Renwick (Hawick), A. R. B. Neilson (Headingley), D. Shedden (West of Scotland); R. Wilson (London Scottish), W. Morgan (Stewart's-Melville FP); J. McLaughlan (Jordanhill), D. F. Madsen (Gosforth), A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland), A. J. Tomes (Hawick), A. F. McHarg (London Scottish), M. A. Biggar (London Scottish), D. S. M. Macdonald (West of Scotland), B. Hegarty (Hawick).

Referee: P. E. Hughes (England).

Desolate pitch is Coventry's land of plenty

By Gordon Allan

Coventry won so much of the loose ball that they were able, without undue anxiety, to control their John Player Cup match against Wilmslow at Coundon Road on Saturday. They scored a penalty goal and a try (seven points) to a goal (six) and qualified for the second round. The draw will be made next weekend, when the other ties are being played.

The pitch was a desolate place. There was more mud and snow on it than grass, and rain fell during most of the game. Towards the end, you could hardly tell a Coventry forward from a Wilmslow one. Probably only their mothers could have been certain. There was a strong breeze as well, which had a bearing on events.

Coventry played down it for the first 40 minutes and kept Wilmslow cooped up in their own half. After the interval, Wilmslow gave Coventry a dose of the same medicine, but not for so long. Significantly, Coventry in general and their pack in particular seemed to find new reserves of stamina and spent the last quarter of an hour of the match in or around Wilmslow's 22.

Wilmslow were the equals of Coventry in the tight, if you except a single scrummage early in the second half when Coventry heeled against the head beside their own posts. It was a concession Wilmslow could ill afford. Coventry led 3—0 at the time, Rossborough having kicked a penalty from the 10 metre line.

Soon afterwards, Plowright was given Wilmslow's only chance to kick a penalty. It was much easier than Rossborough's, but he missed. There were narrow escapes on both goal lines. Grimshaw was stopped short at a tapped penalty. Knee knocked on a metre out. The half backs kicked for position and both sides forced a number of lineouts at the corner. Time and again, the wet ball undid them.

The Coventry forwards, driving through from a lineout, put Weston over for a try at the corner with 15 minutes left. That seemed to settle it. Seven points were worth 17 in those conditions, Wilslow begged to differ. With five minutes left their centre, Gareth Jones, from a maul in his own half, saw an opening and accelerated through it. The Coventry defence melted away, Ollier was up in support and Tinkler scored an excellent try. Plowright converted. Too late.

COVENTRY: P. Rossborough; P. Knee, D. Duckham, G. Evans, P. Preece, K. Aitchison, C. Grimshaw, T. Dingley, C. Weston, L. Johnson, J. Darnell, Sub C. McCarthy; M. Slaston, B. Oliver, B. Nineas, J. Shipside.

WILMSLOW: G. Jones; M. Tinkler, B. Ollier, G. Jones, R. Birchenall, M. Becque, N. Plowright, B. Heath, J. Webster, J. Robinson, C. Davenport, P. Shufflebottom, B. Sparks, J. Brassington, D. Partington.

Referee: L. Pilling (Hamoshire).

Sales record remains intact

Gosforth, the John Player Cup holders, put themselves in good heart for their visit this week to Morley in a first round tie by winning 26—10 at Richmond on Saturday. They looked much the better side in spite of the absence of three internationals—Young, Dixon and Madsen. They were 20 points up before their opponents were on the scoreboard, Stephenson being the main scorer with two tries and two conversions.

Sale, the only club with a 100 per cent record in the four sections of the merit tables, are at Liverpool in the Cup and they, too, improved their confidence by beating London Welsh 7—3.

Rugby Union results

International matches

France	15	England	6
Ireland	12	Scotland	9

John Player Cup

Coventry	7	Wilmslow	6

Final Welsh trial

Probables	24	Possibles	3

Club matches

Bath 11, Metro Police 10; Birkenhead Pk 10, Harlequins 33; Blackheath 15, London Scottish 18; Exeter 22, Bridgwater 6; Falmouth 15, Redruth 3; Gloucester 26, Wasps 12; Glamorgan Wan 11, Pontypool 7; Hartlepool Rovs 30, Halifax 9; Liverpool 10, Bristol 10; Manchester 6, O Edwardians 0; Middlesbrough 18, Morley 8; Orrell 20, Harrogate 6; Penarth 3, Bridgend 17; Richmond 10, Gosforth 26; Rugby 9, Birmingham 15; St Helens 5, Broughton Pk 13; Sale 7, London Welsh 5; Waterloo 10, Headingley 3; Weston-s-Mare 5, Plymouth Alb 6; Rosslyn Pk 35, Esher 12.

SCHOOLS RESULTS: Chislehurst and Sidcup 20, John Fisher 4; Gravesend 20, Rochester Maths 4; Plymouth 30, BRNC Dartmouth 11; Portsmouth GS 5, Bishop Wordsworth 21; Sevenoaks 34, Westcliff HS 0; Warwick 10, King Edward's, Nuneaton 4; West Buckland 25, Exmouth 6; Australian Schoolboys 23, Dutch Youth side 4 (at The Hague).

Cricket

Draw invited by those who have faint hearts

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Karachi, Jan 22

In spite of taking only an hour and three quarters to collect Pakistan's last five first innings wickets in the third Test match here this morning and restricting them to a lead of 19, England batted in their second innings as though interested primarily in a draw. By close of play, they had made 114 for one in three hours and a quarter.

There could be only two reasons. Either they thought the crowd too restless to make the game worth playing or they were scared stiff of losing, although there is only one day left. The possibility of an English victory, which was a possibility, whatever the players may have thought, was considered hardly worth pursuing.

If Boycott chose the faint-hearted way out, so, to a lesser extent, did Wasim Bari. Although, in their own batting, Pakistan had shown more enterprise than England, even if too little came of it, their captain waited for an hour and a half before attacking England with spin, which is much their weakest point.

The problem of who should captain Pakistan in England is difficult. It will not be a Packer-ite—I hope not, anyway—and Bari's caution is a drawback. Among the others, there is an inevitable lack of experience. Had Bari brought on Qasim far the end from which Edmonds had bowled successfully) and Qadir straight away, to a predatory field, he could have had England on the run.

He chose not to. Had Boycott set out with the idea of giving England as long as possible tomorrow in which to bowl Pakistan out a second time, he could have been rewarded. Instead, the first impression he gave was not to be beaten in his first Test as England's captain.

Between the fourth over of England's second innings and the 20th, a period of 90 minutes, Boycott made one scoring stroke. It was during this time that the crowd, partly through boredom, partly because some of them are compulsively troublesome, started to throw oranges on to the field and occasionally more dangerous missiles. After Haroon, fielding at cover point, had been hit by a stone, play was halted and the field cleared. An operation conducted by the England captain.

He might not have been interested in getting runs, but he was wanting to bat. Eventually, the army was called in to control the rowdier elements. If Boycott is a great player, a claim which many make for him, it is up to him, more than ever now that he is captain, to take pressure off the lesser batsmen. To bat as he did this afternoon increases it.

Rose, his opening partner, was out almost as soon as Qadir did come on, caught at short leg off bat and pad. Whereupon Randall played with some semblance of spirit that was badly overdue. After tea the short single was brought into play. If cricket is about taking a calculated risk, as it has to be on these pitches, then this was a craven imitation of it.

It had been a thoroughly good English performance to bowl Pakistan out for 281, after the score had reached 167 before the third wicket went down. By picking up four of the five wickets to fall today, Edmonds finished with seven for 66 in 33 overs, the best figures returned by any bowler in a Test match in Pakistan. He has come on apace in the past month, for which Barrington and Boycott, by their encouragement and tuition in the nets, may claim a full share of the credit.

They have Edmonds working on his bowling and enjoying doing so. He is following through now, rather than stopping in his tracks upon bowling. Barrington goes so far as to say that in three years he will be a better bowler than Underwood; mention of whose name makes one wonder where Underwood would rather be—in Sydney, as he is, playing on a showground or here in Karachi, playing for England.

Five of Edmonds's wickets came for only 27 runs after he had changed ends late on Friday. The first was Miandad's, in the last over. This morning he had Wasim Raja, who was going for runs, well caught by one of three men on the leg boundary. Running to his right from deep midwicket, Gatting took the catch while still on the move. Abdul Qadir, who had shown that he can bat as well as bowl, was next to go, lightningly caught at slip driving at Edmonds.

Two balls later Sarfraz, pushing forward, was taken low down by Gatting, now fielding close to the bat at silly point. After Miller had had Bari leg-before, hooking, Edmonds finished off the innings by bowling Qasim. Only three Pakistanis (including Faxal) and one Australian (Lindsay Kline) have previously taken seven wickets in a Test innings in Pakistan and none of them did it as cheaply as Edmonds.

As a fielder to his own bowling, Edmonds also excelled. Of the other England bowlers, Miller again had a disappointing innings. He is bowling one bad ball an over at the moment, which is not good enough for a Test off-spin bowler. His figures for Pakistan's last three innings—here and in Hyderabad—are one for 136 in 25 overs.

He may be hard pressed to keep his place in New Zealand, when Willis, for one, can expect to work much harder than he has in this Test match. England's most effective bowler in 1977, Willis had bowled only eight overs in eight and a half hours when Qasim was last out this morning.

ENGLAND: First Innings 266 (G. J. Roope 56, Abdul Qadir 4 for 81).

Second Innings

*G. Boycott, not out	..	48
B. Rose, c Haroon, b Qadir	..	18
D. W. Randall, not out	..	37
Extras (lb 3, nb 8)	..	11
Total (1 wkt)	..	114

C. R. J. Roope, M. W. Gatting, G. Miller, P. W. Taylor, P. H. Edmonds, C. A. Cope, J. K. Lever and R. G. D. Willis to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1—35.

BOWLING (to date): Sarfraz, 12—2—37—0; Sikandar, 2—1—7—0; Qasim, 15—2—33—0; Qadir, 8—2—26—1.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Mudassar Nazar, c sub, b Edmonds		76
Sharfaze Ahmed, c sub, b Willis		10
Moshin Khan, c Willis, b Cope		44
Haroon Rashid, c Taylor, b Edmonds		27
Javed Miandad, c Roope, b Edmonds		23
Wasim Raja, c Gatting, b Edmonds		47
Abdul Qadir, c Roope, b Edmonds		21
*Wasim Bari, lb-w, b Miller	..	6
Sarfraz Nawaz, c Gatting, b Edmonds	..	0
Iqbal Qasim, b Edmonds	..	8
Sikandar Bakht, not out	..	7
Extras (b 2, l-b 3, n-b 7)	..	12
Total	..	281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—33, 2—121, 3—167, 4—170, 5—230, 6—243, 7—263, 8—263, 9—259, 10—281.

BOWLING: Willis, 8—1—23—1; Lever, 12—4—32—0; Edmonds, 25—7—66—7; Cope, 28—8—77—1; Miller, 14—0—71—1.

Greig and Knott lead World team to victory

Sydney, Jan 22.—Kerry Packer's World XI beat a West Indian XI in a 40-over match here today. They won with only four balls to go after Greig and Knott put on 88 for the seventh wicket. Earlier, the West Indians had recovered from a disastrous start to reach 235 for seven.

When Greig and Knott came together, their side was facing defeat at 137 for six. When they were out, their colleagues inherited the formality of scoring 11 runs to win. Knott's whirlwind 46 was a mixture of near misses and delightful strokes. Greig, who made 37, also had good fortune with lofted strokes.

The West Indians also recovered well after being 32 for four. King and Lloyd came to the rescue, particularly King, whose unbeaten 96 was a masterpiece of controlled aggression and he rounded off his day by taking two wickets. Lloyd's restrained 50 in 108 minutes was crucial. When he came in, the score was one for two and his fifth wicket partnership with King realised 73 runs.

The tailenders, Roberts and Garner, who remained unbeaten on 30, helped to boost the West Indian total. The World XI quickly ran into trouble, losing Richards, Majid, Amiss and Asif with the total on only 69. Woolmer and Barlow put on 60 and then came the decisive stand between Greig and Knott.

SCORES: West Indian XI, 235 for 7 (C. King 96 not out, C. Lloyd 50); World XI 256 for 10 (Woolmer 60). SATURDAY: Australian XI, 224 for 8; World XI 225 for 5.—Reuter.

Indian spinners put district side out for 127

Geelong, Australia, Jan 22.—Prasanna and Venkataraghavan, two spin bowlers, put India in a commanding position against Geelong and District after two days of their three-day match here today.

Prasanna took four for 29 and Venkataraghavan four for 34 as Geelong were bundled out for 127 in reply to the Indians' first innings of 257 for seven declared. By the close the Indians had scored 153 for one in their second innings, with Vengsarkar on 76. This is the Indians' last match before the fifth and deciding Test match against Australia, which starts in Adelaide on Saturday.

Geelong resumed at 30 for two and only two batsmen offered much resistance. Spence scored 26 before he was caught at silly mid-on and Marshall also reached 26 before he misjudged a Prasanna delivery and hit his wicket. The Indian opening batsmen, Chauhan and Vengsarkar, revelled in a stand of 144 runs.

Chauhan reached a dashing 70 before, in attempting to force the run rate, he danced down the wicket to a local spin bowler, Treloar, and was bowled.

SCORES: Indians, 257 for seven dec and 153 for one (D. Vengsarkar 76 not out, C. Chauhan 70); Geelong District, 127 (Venkataraghavan 4 for 34, Prasanna 4 for 29).

MELBOURNE: Gillette Cup: Tasmania, 234 for 9 (S. Howard 81, B. Dundas 46; I. Callen 5—41); Victoria, 187 (J. Wiener 71, J. Simmons 5—29).

CALCUTTA: Schoolboys International match: England 160 and 274; India, 171 and 135 (S. Dennis 5 for 25). England won by 115 runs.

Athletics

Walker tenth of a second behind Coghlan

Christchurch, Jan 22.—Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan narrowly beat the Olympic champion, John Walker, over 1,500 metres in an athletics meeting here yesterday. Coghlan recorded 3min 40.2sec with the New Zealander, returning to racing after a leg injury, a tenth of a second behind.

Britain's David Moorcroft, who is training in New Zealand during the southern summer, was third in 3.41.2. It was Coghlan's second win in the current series of events in New Zealand and followed his 3,000-metre victory in Wellington on Wednesday. Coghlan said: "I wanted to beat Walker here in New Zealand."

Coghlan took the lead, closely followed by Walker, at the halfway mark, and the pair fought out a great battle over the last 200 metres.

Rod Dixon, of New Zealand, won the 5000 metres from fellow countryman and Montreal Olympic silver medal winner, Dick Quax, in a world class time of 13-25.2. The fast finishing Jos Hermans, of the Netherlands, was third. Erwin Wagner broke the Austrian record by ten seconds in finishing seventh. His time of 13-31.1 was 18sec faster than his previous best.

Don Quarrie, of Jamaica, won the two men's sprints, the 100 metres after a slow start in 10.51, and the 200 metres easily in 20.81. Poland's Irena Szewinska took the women's 200 metres after finishing fourth

Motor rallying

Speed sections disappear under the snow

Monte Carlo, Jan 22.—Heavy snowfalls today forced organizers to cancel two stages of the Monte Carlo rally, already threatened by bad weather. Local government officials in the Ardeche department said they were unable to stage tomorrow's special speed sections between Monaco and Valles-Bains and Monaco and Pierreville.

It reduces by two the number of special stages of this year's 46th running of the event. Before the rally began on Saturday, organizers said that exceptionally bad weather, including record snowfalls and driving rain, promised to make this year's event one of the toughest on record.

They said that the special stages would be scrapped with no replacement. Altogether 216 teams started the rally, 11 from Copenhagen, three from Warsaw, 26 from Rome, 68 from Paris, 26 from Frankfurt, 72 from Monte Carlo and 10 from Almeria in Spain.

Tullio Ciferri, of Italy, in a Lancia Stratos, and Beroger Battle, of France, in an Opel Kadett GT, have both already dropped out with mechanical problems, the organizers added.—Reuter.

akistan leader pardons litor and printer

n Hasan Akhtar
abad, Jan 22

neral Zia ul-Haq, Pakistan's martial law administrator, pardoned the editor of a re English daily paper and inter who had each been nced to 10 lashes and one s hard labour by a summilitary court at Lahore rday.

Wasim Ahmad, editor of *Sun* of Lahore, and Mr Farooqi had been held nsible for printing an ve line against General Zia te text of a news story the chief martial law nistrator's recent visit to a mill being built at Karachi Russian aid.

official statement issued ahore today said General egarded the abuse as a nal attack by a mentally anced person and therehad decided to condone it. d directed that the punishshould not be carried out. Secretary-General of the tan Federal Union of Journalists praised General Zia's action.

Meanwhile, Ghulas Bakhsh Bizenjo, former Governor of Baluchistan and leader of the outlawed National Awami Party, who was kept in prison for three years awaiting trial on conspiracy charges on the orders of Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister, said in Karachi that General Zia's decision to grant a general amnesty in Baluchistan would cover people who had fled from their homes during Army operations in Baluchistan in the past five years and were living abroad.

Mr Bizenjo is one of the last National Awami Party leaders to be released by General Zia following his decision to grant an amnesty and drop charges against more than 40 leaders of the outlawed party.

General Zia today appointed two representatives from Baluchistan to his advisory committee. Last week he nominated five military officers and 11 civilians to it.

Comoro demand for plotters to be punished

Moroni, Jan 22.—Thousands of Comoro Islanders have arrived by boat at Moroni, capital of the Indian Ocean archipelago, to demand severe, exemplary punishment for a group of alleged plotters accused of planning a coup, the state radio said today.

Nearly 2,500 people from the outlying islands of Anjouan and Moheli reached here on Friday in a fleet of cargo vessels.

They demanded a public meeting to judge and sentence those arrested on suspicion of planning to assassinate President Ali Soilih and stage a coup two weeks ago. The three main suspects are the press attaché at the presidential palace, a wealthy property owner and a local college professor.—Reuter.

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nila, Jan 22.—Mr William r, aged 30, an American director, and Mr Patrick Kelly, aged 34, a British producer, were among people killed today when helicopter hit a high-tenower line, 50 miles south- f Manila, the Philippines rce reported.

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SPORT

Football

The Anfield fortress is beginning to lose its look of impregnability

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

If Nottingham Forest were to be caught in the championship, the past weekend was the time for those in pursuit to make doubly sure that they made no mistakes. In the event, only Manchester City were convincing winners, thus justifying Brian Clough's view that they are Forest's most dangerous rivals.

We have become accustomed to Forest's ability to dismiss each challenge as it comes and disregard those who still doubt that they can maintain their own pace, but the news that Liverpool are one or two goals down at Anfield still spreads like village gossip. It seemed to make no difference that their defeat by Birmingham City on Saturday was only their second at home in more than a season and a half. The fortress is no longer impregnable and the opinion that Liverpool are never as strong as when in adversity now has a hollow ring.

On Saturday Liverpool could perhaps be excused because few defensive systems in Europe would have offered a complete answer to Birmingham City's Francis who *created two goals and scored from* a penalty to take a 3—0 lead. Naturally, Liverpool thundered back and scored twice, but Montgomery, Birmingham's goalkeeper, stopped them equalising with an amazing save in the last seconds.

That result when linked with Everton's surprisingly poor performance at Wolverhampton, where they lost 3—1, greatly contributed to Forest's feeling of well being after beating Arsenal, another of those giving chase. Terry Neill, the Arsenal manager, was impressed. Mr Clough was a little more guarded, saying that every match seemed like a Cup Final and that the team he feared more than any other was Manchester City, though not in the FA Cup next Saturday.

He also expressed interest in obtaining the Manchester City and England winger, Tueart, who is determined to leave Maine Road but Tony Book, the City manager, said last night: "Brian Clough has inquired about Dennis but there is no way I would let him go to any other club in the country. Dennis has made it clear that if he moves it would be either to America or a Continental club, but for the moment he has agreed to stay at Maine Road and help continue our run of success."

Last week Tueart was watched by a representative of Anderlecht and the financial temptations of the Continent or the United States are spread before him. In the meantime, he is contributing a great deal towards City's efforts in three competitions. His superb *performance against Norwich City* on Saturday helped move Manchester City into second place, albeit six points behind Forest and only ahead of Everton and Liverpool *on* goal difference.

Tomorrow night City will be at Highbury for their League Cup quarter-final round replay against Arsenal and next Saturday there is the tantalising FA Cup tie with Forest in Nottingham. They then face a League game at Manchester United a week later. For them the season is at boiling point.

In the light of evidence from Leeds it would be unwise to believe that if Manchester City allowed Tueart and perhaps even Channon to leave, their establishment would collapse. Leeds, now without Jordan and, voluntarily, McQueen, have reached the semifinal round of the League Cup and beaten the now *considerable* strength of Coventry City within a week. They have replaced McQueen with Parkinson and his excellent control of Wallace and Ferguson on Saturday showed that he was wasted in the reserves.

The return of Tommy Docherty to Old Trafford in his capacity as manager of Derby County was marked by a loud and friendly reception, but not a hint of sympathy from his former Manchester United players in their 4—0 win. Suddenly United must be wondering whether their expensive negotiations first for Jordan and more recently, McQueen, were really necessary. Also wondering is Francis, of Queen's Park Rangers, who played for only half an hour in a goalless draw at Leicester before retiring with double vision. Francis says he is one of the few leading players not interested in going to the United States.

Further difficulties involving people who want to have a foot on either side of the Atlantic have been highlighted by the resignation of the Republic of Ireland manager, Johnny Giles. He had attempted to persuade Irish officials to allow him to follow Ron Greenwood's pattern in having a team of assistants, but he was refused. However, the root of the problem is probably that the same officials are unhappy that Mr Giles will play in the United States while remaining manager.



Dennis Tueart . . . "if he moves it would be either to America or a Continental club".

Tennis

Tasty fruits of an American truce

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Philadelphia, Jan 22

The traditional concept of tournament tennis has been threatened in the past year or two by four-man events in which the game's celebrities spread their feathers for ludicrously lavish rewards. The international council seem to have the challenge under control. But its nature is vividly illustrated by the contrast between two promotions currently commanding attention.

In Florida, on an outdoor clay court at Boca Raton, Bjorn Borg and Jimmy Connors yesterday beat Brian Gottfried and Vitas Gerulaitis respectively in a televised spectacle from which either Borg or Connors will emerge with almost £56,000 — from the two matches. The same players will compete here this coming week in the game's most distinguished big entry indoor tournament. The most one man can earn will be £18,500—for winning six matches.

The Philadelphia event, the United States professional indoor championships, always has the flavour of a World Championship Tennis reunion at the beginning of a new term. This time *it has additional significance as the tastiest* fruit of a truce between WCT—the rebelliously independent professional organization formed a decade ago — and their one-time rival series, the official Grand Prix circuit. In short, this will be a WCT Grand Prix tournament. The "rebels" are now legitimate.

Lamar Hunt, WCT's Texan backer, was the Kerry Packer of tennis in the late 1960s. The 10-year tennis war has ended because, among officials, players and media, there were always people willing to concede that each side had a case.

They were progressive, while jealously guarding traditional values. The tennis compro[mise of] 1978 can be seen as a less[on for] world cricket, which pre[sently] seems bent on a similarly [long] and damaging approach to [mu]tual harmony.

The only British comp[etitors] here will be Mark Co[x and] *Christopher* Mottram. Cox will oppose Tom Leonard [in the] first match of the tourn[ament]. [Mottram] took more than 17 hours [to get] here from his Surrey hom[e and for] the last three hours h[e was] huddled in a crowded mini[bus on the] route from New York to [Phila]delphia. Snow and ice dis[rupted] all forms of transport to and [from] *the east coast*, and [after] travelling from Europe [with] luck and a capacity for im[provi]zation. Mottram had an [eventful] trip, from Baltimore. He [has a] bye in the first round, and [in the] second will probably play R[oscoe] Stockton, who beat Conn[ors in] last year's final.

Lifeless Britain left to contest last place

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Jan 22.—Listless singles performances by the British players, John Feaver and John Lloyd gave Spain a 2—1 victory in the King's Cup Group A tennis match here today. Elsewhere Hungary beat West Germany 2—1 to qualify for the final, against Sweden.

Although Lloyd and his brother, David, took some consolation for Britain by winning the doubles, the Britons' play lacked the fire they had shown when beating Spain 3—0 earlier in the competition.

The Spanish number two, Javier Soler, got his side off to a good start *with a flawless performance* against Feaver to win 6—4, 6—2 in a one-sided match lasting just over an hour.

Lloyd put up a stronger display against José Higueras, *but dropped* his service twice at vital moments to lose 6—4, 6—4. In the doubles the Lloyd brothers completely outplayed Soler and Higueras, who look tired after their singles victories. The English pair raced to a 6—4, 6—3 victory in 52 minutes.

Spain's victory means Britain finish bottom of group A, having won only one of their six ties, the home match with Spain. Britain will now play Yugoslavia, who finished last in the first division's other group in a two-leg play-off to decide who finishes last overall. *The ties will take place in* Farnborough on February 9 and in Skopje three days later. Other results:

First division

GROUP A: Austria beat S[weden] 3—0 (in Vienna).

	P	W	L	F
Sweden	6	5	1	11
Austria	6	4	2	12
Spain	6	3	3	5
Britain	6	1	5	8

GROUP B: Hungary beat West Germany, 2—1 (at Kiel); Franc[e] ... Yugoslavia, 2—1 (at Nis).

	P	W	L	F
Hungary	6	5	1	15
West Germany	6	4	2	13
France	6	3	3	9
Yugoslavia	6	0	6	1

Second division

GROUP A: Norway beat ... 3—0 (in Oslo).

GROUP B: Netherlands beat ... 3—0 (at Mijdrecht); Romani[a] ... Portugal 3—0 (at Brasov).

GROUP C: Bulgaria beat ...slovakia 2—1 (in Sofia); Denma[rk] ... Finland 2—1 (in Copenhagen); ...zerland beat Italy 2—1 (at Wo...

Bell moves City nearer fulfilment

By Norman Fox

There is now no certainty that anyone can catch Nottingham Forest. It was *revealing*, though, that while the Merseyside challenge was *shedding* some credibility on Saturday, Manchester City began a fortnight of high-powered activity by appearing altogether too good for Norwich City at Carrow Road, where they won 3-1, a score that was not a true indication of the margin in terms of ability. Not long ago this would have been the sort of match over which they stumbled.

The possibility of City remaining Forest's nearest rivals is not a *suggestion* that is easily documented. After all, Forest beat them earlier *in* the season and only last week Arsenal, who were swept aside by Forest on Saturday, made *them* struggle for a long time in a League Cup tie that is to be replayed tomorrow *night at Highbury. Confidence* in their chances of closing the six-point gap is more a matter of an impression of a talented, powerful team on the verge of fulfilment. They can hit higher notes than Forest, but are less reliable.

At their best on Saturday, they dismantled Norwich so efficiently that at times one felt it kind to look away. The return of Bell has certainly given them the guarantee of accurate service from midfield. He is, of course, no longer the "*Nijinsky*" of old *but a player of such natural* insight that he has no need to gallop too far on that still perceptibly stiff knee.

Many of City's best movements here could be traced back to his original thought and splendid passes. Tueart, who revelled in the service, was particularly cruel on this rather ordinary Norwich defence that had hardly recovered from losing to Orient in the FA Cup. Barnes enjoyed moments of spirited flight and Kidd, the scorer of two goals, was hungry for possession.

Norwich raised one period of defiance when, after Gibbins had pulled the score back to 2—1 with nearly an hour to play, they discovered that City's full backs could be beaten. Their problem was to avoid Watson in the middle and be positive in the penalty area. In neither respect were they more than moderately successful, and, indeed, it was no surprise that their manager, John Bond, said he would continue to bid for Chivers, the former Tottenham Hotspur centre forward who is now with Servette, of Switzerland. Meanwhile, that other former Spurs player, Peters, continues to be an artist among those who merely daub.

Although Kidd headed his first *goal from Bell's glance and* Tueart's corner after 20 minutes, City were not completely at ease until the second half when Bell again contributed to a well planned goal. His volleyed pass square to Barnes had a mesmerizing effect on the Norwich defence. Barnes took the ball to the goal line before drawing it back across to the far post for Kidd to head in.

The goal that Gibbins took for Norwich with a strong shot that at last caught Watson in the wrong place, gave some hope of a close finish, but it was a short-lived chance and Tueart was soon fleeing from those who were sent to intercept and providing Owen with the opportunity to drive in the third goal. Norwich have made a valuable contribution to the season's improvement in attacking football, but in this company they had little to say.

NORWICH CITY: K. Keelan; K. Bond, C. Sullivan, J. Ryan, D. Jones, A. Powell, P. Lythgoe, C. Suggett, R. Gibbins, K. Reeves, M. Peters.

MANCHESTER CITY: J. Corrigan; K. Clements, W. Donachie, T. Booth, D. Watson, G. Owen, P. Barnes, C. Bell, B. Kidd, A. Hartford, D. Tueart.

Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester).

Forest not falling in line with Humpty Dumpty

By Clive White

While the press waited with unwarranted optimism for the emergence of the victor, Brian Clough, *from the VIP lounge at* Nottingham Forest, the vanquished, Terry Neil, walked out with a friendly Irish smile: "What, Brian not saying anything? He doesn't have to." And then with unashamed honesty rather than the air of a good loser he added: "They'll take some catching now. And frankly, I think they'll deserve it." Significant words from a man whose club ground down the seven-point lead of Leeds United in the 1970-71 title race. Forest, with this 2—0 win, have a six-point margin and are seven ahead of Arsenal.

Seeing is believing, you see, and Mr Neill and his team had just witnessed *a matinee performance of the running, jumping, heading,* shooting, tackling show from the Nottingham Forest players. They call it total football and Arsenal found it overwhelming.

So the big fall that many have predicted for this particular Humpty Dumpty has still not happened, and neither will it. The difference between these fresh men from the second division—who, it may be remembered, qualified only on goal average—and others who began their new world so bravely, yet failed, is that Forest's bubbling confidence has had Mr Clough to recharge it and success to nourish it, and not a little talent. Yet, you cannot help thinking that most of these players, under different leadership, would struggle to hold down a first-team place elsewhere.

The competitiveness at Forest is such that three players, McGovern, Gemmill and Woodcock, were all disputing man-of-the-man honours with possible rivalry from the Arsenal superman and goalkeeper, Jennings. Therein lies the tale of this game. Forest were knocking hard at Jennings's door within 10 minutes of the start. Like migrating birds the last few photographers behind Shilton's goal had already signalled the approaching storm by fleeing up to the other end with their tin boxes, portable seats and a menagerie of cameras rattling behind them. They were barely in time to catch Gemmill's low and fiercely-struck drive—but Jennings was.

As Forest picked the lock of Arsenal's still-safe defence it suddenly occurred to them that Robertson, as usual, held the skeleton key. *He used it on* Rice's flank, but Forest always seemed to lack a far-post striker. So instead, at a corner in the 32nd minute, Needham appeared forcefully to power in a header at the near post. This centre half is another who has caught the Forest infection: it was his third goal since arriving at City Ground seven games ago.

Brady and his colleagues could never prise open the Forest armoury and, though they tried hard in the second half, they lacked the commitment of someone like, say, Gemmill. If a £150,000 fee could ever be cheap, it looked it now as Gemmill set into motion a move which snowballed. He broke up an Arsenal attack *in his own penalty area*, spoon-fed Withe at a distance and then, like a runaway pony, his little legs whirring him along, he galloped up the other end to finish what he had started.

As the Forest supporters broke into another chorus of their adopted and adapted "Mull of Kintyre", Brady was set free only to be ensnared like an escaping prisoner in the trap laid by the dark and willowy Anderson, whose afternoon until then had lacked any personal success. Forest, with options on three trophies, seem prepared to fight hard for the best things in life.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: P. Shilton; V. Anderson, C. Barrett, J. McGovern, D. Needham, K. Burns, M. O'Neill, A. Gemmill, P. Withe, A. Woodcock, J. Robertson.

ARSENAL: P. Jennings; P. Rice, S. Nelson, D. Price, D. O'Leary, W. Young, L. Brady, A. Sunderland, M. Macdonald, F. Stapleton, G. Rix.

Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach).

Hockey

Hertfordshire triumph at end of long ordeal

By Sydney Friskin

Hertfordshire 0 Hampshire 0

Twenty-two hockey players sagged with exhaustion as the final whistle was blown at Broxbourne yesterday. Yet the ordeal was not over. After two periods of extra time Hertfordshire won 4—3 on penalty strokes and qualified to meet Somerset in the semi-final round of the county championship, sponsored by Rank Xerox, on February 5.

After a slow start *this* game, transferred from St Albans because of the weather, developed into a stirring battle for supremacy as first one side, then the other threatened to score. Several chances were missed, some easy ones but the ground was so badly churned up that in the end it was difficult for any player to position himself for a shot.

Hampshire must regret having missed a penalty stroke which they were lucky to earn early in the second half. Hicks took it and raised the ball too high.

Hertfordshire looked more conspicuous in the first half if only because they earned more short corners, the mechanics of which broke down on a heavy and bumpy surface. After a time both sides became so frustrated that they resorted to stick-stopping. No *Hertfordshire forward had* a clear passage to goal because of the vigilance of Freitag, deputizing in defence for the injured Domone.

Either side could have won in extra time. First it was Hertfordshire, then Hampshire whose best effort was a breakaway from a short corner. It ended with a shot by Purdy which was saved by Hurst. Mayo, following up, hit the ball over the top. So, the game went into penalty strokes and Hertfordshire emerged triumphant.

HERTFORDSHIRE: J. A. Hurst (St Albans); C. Eaton (St Albans), P. Brooker (Blueharts), C. Purry (Welwyn Garden City), S. Brace (Blueharts), I. Galley (St Albans), P. Hazell (Southgate), H. Morgan (St Albans), R. Ashby (St Albans), M. B. Swayne (Beckenham), S. Guyton (Blueharts).

HAMPSHIRE: R. Doncom (Teddington), C. Pickett (Havant), P. Freitag (Old Kingstonians), A. Muller (Trojans), H. Swinto (Teddington), C. Hicks (Teddington), B. M. Purdy (Trojans), R. Lall (Havant), J. Isaacs (Trojans), P. Jones (Oxford City), A. G. Mayo (Teddington).

Umpires: A. E. Bannister (Midland Counties) and N. Todd (Northern Counties).

Swimming

Roar of crowd spurs Miss Ford to victory

Sydney, Jan 22.—Michelle [Ford] of Australia, recovered fr[om a] virus infection to clip 3.56s[ec off] her women's 800 metres free-style record at the New [South] Wales swimming champio[nships] here last night. The 15-ye[ar-old] Sydney schoolgirl returned a time of 8min 31.30sec to bette[r the] time of 8:34.86 she achiev[ed in] Brisbane 15 days ago.

After covering the firs[t 100] metres in 1:02.87 she [went] through the 400 metres in 4:... Then responding to the ro[ar of] the crowd she sprinted the [last] lap in 62.08sec to win by a[bout] one length of the pool.

Success for two British girls

Geneva, Jan 22.—Bettina and Claire Sanders, of B[ritain] won the 100 metres free-styl[e and] backstroke events respectiv[ely in] 1min 0.41sec and 1min 07... in a youth international swi[mming] meeting here today.

In the boys' competition, Claude Cabrol, of France, w[on the] 100 metres free-style in 53....

BOYS: 100m *free-style*: 1, Cabrol (France), 53.96sec. breaststroke: 1, R. Possanzini (... 1:10.67; 2, *S. Pratt (GB)*, 1:... 100m backstroke: 1, T. Lebbe (... Germany), 1:1.3; 2, G. Fenner (... 1:2.9; 3, I. Collins (GB), 1:3.1. butterfly: 1, M. Heinrich (Fr... 58.9. 4x50m free-style relay: ... Barcelona, 1:42.12; 5, En[gland] 1:44.43. 4x50m medley: 1, Barc[elona] 1:54.85; 2, England, 1:56.21.

GIRLS: 100m free-style: 1, B. ... (GB), 1:0.41; 2, J. Croft (GB?) 1:0.46. 100m breaststroke: 1, Susini (France), 1:16.84; 3, K. ...man (GB), 1:18.19. 100m backstroke: 1, C. Sanders (GB), 1:7.16; ... *Stanley* (GB), 1:8.72; 3, L. B... (GB), 1:9.90. 100m butterfly: ... Velsen (Netherlands), 1:5.47. 4x50m freestyle relay: 1, England, 1:5... 4 x 50m medley relay: 1, Nether[lands] 2:4.65; 2, England, 2:5.55.

Ipswich the butt of a Marx Brothers joke

By Geoffrey Green

When Chelsea beat Ipswich Town 5—3 at Stamford Bridge on Saturday it may not have been football as it is played seriously. But at least it entertained and amused the customers, most of whose faces, frozen blue by the cutting wind, were wreathed in warm smiles by the end.

It was pantomime, a Marx Brothers romp, with goalkeepers dropping bricks and the ball in every direction and four goals going in during the closing quarter of an *hour as* Chelsea came from behind to win after having played second fiddle for much of the time. Although someone likened it to Russian roulette it was just what the doctor ordered for the television people. Chelsea must surely have become their favourite subject these days. In their last five matches they have been involved in a total of 33 goals.

Ipswich, of course, did not appreciate the joke. With six of their past five matches they have through injury and Sivell playing his first game of the season in goal, the afternoon turned sour for them midway through the second half. At that point they led 2—1 when suddenly the match went berserk. *Langley lobbed* Osman as he dwelt on the ball and flicked it forward to Swain who was fully 10 yards offside.

That worthy, not waiting to look a gift horse in the mouth, promptly made it 2—2 and the point stood in spite of heated Ipswich protests and a brief *conference between referee and lines*man. Both had mistakenly thought it was Osman's back pass. In any case it is a stupid, dubious rule that ought to be amended.

Whatever the technicalities the stable door was now open and the gift horse, with Chelsea in the saddle, bolted over the horizon. While all this took place Garner lay injured and duly departed on a stretcher to hospital. He will probably miss next Saturday's FA Cup tie against Burnley, suffering torn ligaments behind an ankle.

It really was a day of crazy incompetence. Perhaps the fretful wind had much to do with it, certainly making life difficult for goalkeepers. Bonetti was the first to suffer early on when Talbot swung in a corner from the left. The swirling ball evaded his groping hands to smack against the far post, but bounced to safety. However, after a quarter of an hour Gates centred from the left, the towering Droy was left stranded as *if trying* to catch a kite ducking in the wind and *there was Osborne to glide* in for a header past a firmly rooted Bonetti.

Next it was Sivell's turn to blunder at the other end. Walker curled in a cross, the goalkeeper miscued his punch and Swain nodded the equalizer into an open goal. Yet within minutes Ipswich were head again when Wark smacked a rising deflection to the top corner. So it stayed until the Marx Brothers really took control with 25 minutes left.

In quick succession there followed Swain's controversial second equalizer at 2—2; then a flick home by Finnieston, Garner's replacement, to a free kick by Wilkins to put Chelsea at 3—2; next it was 3—3 when Mariner hit the net after Bonetti had dropped Wark's corner.

In the last five minutes a veritable cavalry charge saw the ball twist home with a sob off either Wicks or Wilkins with Sivell once again lost to a googly of a centre from the left. The final touch *came as Langley* broke clear on a perfect through pass by Wicks —5—3—and a nightmare for poor Ipswich when it was kinder perhaps not to pass judgment on anyone.

CHELSEA: P. Bonetti; G. Locke, R. Harris, I. Britton, M. Droy, S. Wicks, W. Garner (sub, S. Finnieston); R. Wilkins, T. Langley, K. Swain, C. Walker.

IPSWICH TOWN: L. Sivell; M. Mills, L. Tibbott, B. Talbot, A. Hunter, R. Osman, R. Osborne, J. Wark, P. Mariner (sub A. Brazil), D. Geddis, E. Gates.

Referee: S. Bates (Bristol).

Cross-country

For Ovett the rub is an extra mile and a half

By Cliff Temple
Athletics Correspondent

Steven Ovett, winner of the inter-counties 7½ miles cross-country championship at Derby on Saturday, would like to run in the international cross-country championship to be held in Glasgow on March 25, but not in the English national championship in Leeds three weeks *earlier. There is* the rub, for the national event is traditionally the selection race for England's team event, though, at nine miles it is 1½ miles farther than the international race.

Those extra 1½ miles do not appeal to Ovett, who was second in last year's inter-counties, but only 13th in the national, and so missed international selection. Yet the chances are that he would have run well in Düsseldorf, scene of the 1977 international championships, on what was very much a track runner's course.

Last year the England selectors did include David Slater in their team *after he had finished third in* the inter-counties and missed the national championship, but in his case he was not eligible to compete in the latter event on a technicality involving a change of clubs.

Rugby League Cup

The draw for the first r[ound] of the Rugby League Cup is: St Helens v Huyton, Oldha[m v] Doncaster, Salford v Bramley, [Dews]bury Celtic v Wigan, Leeds v H[...] Pilkington Recs v Castleford, Dew[sbury] v New Hunslet, Hull v Hull [...] Widnes v Rochdale Hornets, Swin[ton] v Batley, Leigh v Featherstone, Wo[rking]ton Town v Keighley, Bradford [...] Barrow, Whitehaven v Wak[efield] Blackpool v Huddersfield, Yo[rk v] Warrington.

Man with no frills frolics in the slippery snow

By Tom Freeman

Wolverhampton Wanderers's lowly position in the League table is unjustified, if Saturday's performance is an indication of their true form. Wolves scored a 3-1 victory over Everton that must rank as their most *convincing* performance of the season.

Everton, second in the table before the match, were well and truly crushed by a team who were more confident and resourceful and adapted themselves much more easily to the difficult ground conditions. The game was a personal triumph for Ken Hibbitt, a 27-year-old who has given Wolves such fine service over the years.

In the absence of Richards, the club's leading scorer, Hibbitt was pushed further forward, a move, which, more than anything, caused Everton's downfall. There are no frills about Hibbitt. He likes moving into scoring positions and trying his luck with a long range shot, he is a fierce striker of the ball and has abundant energy and enthusiasm.

Soon he was moving about the slippery, snow-covered surface as though he owned it, causing a variety of problems for the Everton defence. After half an hour he chased a long, through pass from Daley to thump the ball unceremoniously past Wood, and more than once seemed on the point of adding to Wolves' score.

Everton, having struggled through much of the first half, produced better football in the second, and there were one or two unseemly scrambles in front of the home goal. Then, 15 minutes from the end, Hibbitt was at it again. Carr worked his way down the left. His cross was only partly stopped by the Everton goalkeeper, and Hibbitt cracked the ball in the net.

Everton were well beaten when Hibbitt produced the pass for Daley to score Wolves' third, though they made the score look more respectable when Ross scored from the penalty spot after Hazell had fouled Pearson. There are a number of good things about this Wolves side.

They now have a solid, courageous goalkeeper in Bradshaw, Carr, after being dogged by injuries, seems to be back in his best form, and Daley has emerged as an excellent midfield man. They do need a winger, though the present experiment with Daly may well come off. It is too early to say whether Hazell, their new hefty No 5 will make it in the top class. Sufficient to say that against the League's leading scorer, Latchford, he did not disgrace himself.

Everton discovered early in the first half, that they were up against it. Their greatest weakness was in the front line where Latchford, apart from an occasional flicked header, was curbed.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: P. Bradshaw; G. Palmer, D. Parkin, S. Daley, R. Hazell, J. McAlle, K. Hibbitt, W. Carr, M. Patching, N. Bell, M. Daly.

EVERTON: G. Wood; T. Darracott (sub D. Jones); M. Pejic, M. Lyons, R. Kenyon, T. Ross, A. King, J. Pearson, R. Latchford, D. McKenzie, D. Thomas.

Referee: C. B. White (Harrow).

Liverpool cut down by blade of Francis

By Tom German

From the most unpromising beginnings grew a remarkable match at Anfield where visiting teams usually arrive with slender hopes and depart with their expectations confirmed. It was remarkable in that Liverpool tasted the novelty of being three goals down on their own pitch, where only one side have scored more than a single League goal this season, then almost saved the match *with* one of their ferocious old-time assaults in which team and crowd uplift each other to the point where both believe that Everest is a hillock to be scaled in one bound.

Birmingham's relief at managing to survive the onslaught to win 3—2 was as visible as their frustration in a drab first half when they were caught a dozen times in a well sprung offside trap, a snare Liverpool seldom set so meticulously. The opening chapter held little more memorable than an effort by each side which struck the woodwork, a header by Francis for Birmingham and a thunderous free kick by Liverpool's new acquisition, Souness, *which left the crossbar twanging* like a bow string.

Surprisingly, it was Birmingham who most took to heart the lessons of the opening half. Liverpool, considering they fielded so many men with wide experience in midfield, did not dominate there as might have been expected. They kept to an unchanging, steady pace, much in need of someone to enliven them and, almost before they knew it, they were three goals down in 12 minutes punctuated by the hour.

Principally responsible for such an unaccustomed plight was Francis. On an attacking front across the full width of the pitch, he was at the core of each of Birmingham's goals. From the middle Francis slipped the ball to Emmanuel for the first, swept inside majestically from the left to set up, with cool help from Towers, a goal for Bertschin and darted in from the right to win the penalty from which he, himself, scored the third.

Nor was that the last swish of his blade. One lightning intrusion would have let in Bertschin but *for Clemence's quick reaction and* another took him wide round the goalkeeper but his shot struck a post. The Kop, under whose noses Francis had wrought his devastation, could scarcely believe it. But neither they nor Liverpool suffer such indignities meekly.

The champions, with the loudest vocal backing they have probably had all season, finally stirred *themselves and for the last* 15 minutes staged a tremendous fight back. Its roots lay in unflagging efforts and unquenchable spirit rather than in subtlety but it threatened to engulf Birmingham. Thompson, who had conceded the penalty, made some amends by nudging *in* a fierce shot from Case, who had replaced Callaghan, and Dalglish did the same when Kennedy took aim.

LIVERPOOL: R. Clemence; P. Neal, A. Hansen, P. Thompson, R. Kennedy, E. Hughes, K. Dalglish, T. McDermott, D. Johnson, G. Souness, I. Callaghan (sub, J. Case).

BIRMINGHAM: J. Montgomery; J. Calderwood, G. Pendrey, A. Towers, J. Gallagher, P. Howard, G. Emmanuel, T. Francis, K. Bertschin, T. Hibbitt, K. Dillon.

Referee: J. D Hough (Macclesfield).

Golf

Floyd and Irwin share lead with McGinnis

Pebble Beach, Jan 22.—Ray Floyd, Hale Irwin and the un*heralded Tommy McGinnis* tied for the lead at 139, five-under-par, yesterday after two rounds of the Bing Crosby national pro-amateur golf championship, which has been delayed by rain.

Watson, the winner here last year and the leader after the first round, was in front with one hole to play at the *Spyglass Hill* course but he went two over par on his final hole to end up in a six-way tie at 140. Also at that point are Green, Crenshaw, Bies, Morgan and Pooley.

Among the other pre-tournament favourites, Weiskopf is on 141, and Nicklaus, after a 74 today, is 12 strokes off the pace.

Floyd scored a birdie on his final hole from 12ft, and Irwin three-putted from 20ft. McGinnis, who must play well during the next three weeks or lose his playing privileges on the tour, had four birdies in his 70 Watson lost his lead when his approach shot hit a tree and flew into a bunker. His blast left him 40ft from the flag stick and he three-putted.

SCORES: 139, R. Floyd, 70, 69, H. Irwin, 69, 70, T. McGinnis, 69, 70; 140, T. Watson, 66, 74, H. Green, 69, 71, B. Crenshaw, 69, 71, D. Bies, 70, 70, G. Morgan, 69, 71, D. Pooley, 70, 70; 141, T. Weiskopf, 70, 71, O. Gilbert, 70, 71, L. Hinkle, 69, 73, F. Zoeller, 69, 72; 142, A. Cerda, 74, 68, G. Burns, 71, 71.

British scores: 144, A. Jacklin, 74, 70; 151, T. Horton, 77, 74.—Reuter.

Skiing

Stenmark makes first error for over a year

Kitzbuehel, Jan 22.—Klaus Heidegger, *showing* some of his *best form this season*, outclassed Ingemar Stenmark, the reigning World Cup champion, for the *second* time in a week to win the Kitzbuehel slalom race here today. Clipping the flags with the tips of *his* skis, he floated through the gates to a riotous welcome at the bottom of the *daunting* slope in 1min 43.95sec.

"I must say, I just let it run *without thinking too much*", a breathless Heidegger said. "On the one hand, it gives me a lot of self-confidence, but on the other it is a strain to live up to your reputation."

Stenmark, who is suffering from mild influenza, was one of several favourites to drop out of the race, run on the notoriously difficult slopes of this Austrian Alpine resort. He was eliminated for the first time in over a year when his ski caught in one of the 69 gates during the first heat.

MEN'S SLALOM: 1, K. Heidegger (Austria), 1min 43.95sec; 2, P. Popangelov (Bulgaria), 1:43.99; 3, A. Wenzel (Liechtenstein), 1:44.76; 4, P. Gros (Italy), 1:44.96; 5, W. Ortner (Austria), 1:45.24; 6, P. de Chiesa (Italy), 1:45.30. 24, S. Fitzsimmons (GB), 1:59.10; 29, R. McKee (Ireland), 2:15.79.

WORLD CUP STANDINGS (after 14 races): 1, I. Stenmark (Sweden), 180 pts; 2, K. Heidegger, 95; 3, P. Mahre (US), 76; 4, A. Wenzel, 73; 5, H. Plank (Italy), 70; 6, 8. Walcher (Austria), 65; 7, P. Gros, 60.—Reuter.

KITZBUEHEL: Men's downhill: equal 1, S. Ferstl (W Germany) and S. Walcher (Austria), 2:07.81; 3, M. Veith (W Germany), 2:07.85; 4, F. Klammer (Austria), 2:07.90; 5, P. Mueller (Switzerland), 2:08.30; 6, W. Grissmann (Austria), 2:08.42.

Miss Wenzel's overall lead now 25 points

Maribor, Jan 22.—Hanni We[nzel] of Liechtenstein, won a wom[en's] World Cup slalom race here t[oday] and increased her overall l[ead]. Wenzel won both legs at [this] Yugoslav ski resort in a tim[e of] 1min 25.37sec, almost hal[f a] second ahead of Maria Epple. Soelkner was third.

Miss Wenzel, who took [the] lead after winning a giant sla[lom] in Badgastein three days [ago,] won her first slalom this sea[son] to increase her lead over A[nne]marie Moser, a downhill specia[list] who was fourth today. "I m[ade] a mistake in the second leg in [the] final bend before the finish [but] this apparently did not affect [my] time", Miss Wenzel said.

Mrs Moser said: "A fo[urth] place in slalom to me means m[ore] than a downhill victory." [The] reigning world champion, Marie Morerod, third in [the] standings, had a disastrous [run] and finished 33rd.

She missed a gate in the f[irst] run and, although she mana[ged] to get back on the course, she [lost] crucial seconds. Miss Epp[le's] second place put her up [two] places to fourth in the standi[ngs].

WOMEN'S SLALOM: 1, H. We[nzel] (Liechtenstein), 1min 25.37sec; 2, Epple (W Germany), 1:25.86; 3, Soelkner (Austria), 1:25.88; 4, Moser (Austria), 1:26.01; 5, Kaserer (Austria), 1:26.14; 6, Zechmeister (W Germany), and Cooper (US), 1:26.33.

WORLD CUP STANDINGS (after ... races): 1, H. Wenzel, 134pts; 2, Moser, 109; 3, L.-M. More[rod] (Switzerland), 90; 4, M. Epple, ... 5, M. Kaserer, 72; 6, M.-T. Na[depp] (Switzerland), 63; 7, C. Nelson (U[S]), 58; 8, E. Mittermaier (W German[y]), 55; 9, L. Soelkner and F. Se... (France), 50.—Reuter.

Leading scorers

FIRST DIVISION: Latchford (Everton) 21; Wallace (Coventry City) 18; Francis (Birmingham City) and Hankin (Leeds United) 16; Dalglish (Liverpool), Gray (Aston Villa) and Tueart (Manchester City) 15; T. Brown (WBA) 14.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)
Andermatt	65	155	Good	Powder	Good	Fine
Good skiing on all slopes						
Bormio	80	150	Good	Heavy	Good	Fair
Good skiing on all pistes						
Courchevel	70	120	Good	Powder	Good	Fine
Perfect skiing conditions						
Flims	30	90	Good	Varied	Good	Fine
Ideal skiing conditions						
Isola 2000	220	310	Good	Powder	Good	Snow
Good skiing, some runs closed						
La Plagne	110	195	Good	Powder	Good	Fair
Excellent skiing everywhere						
Mürren	55	115	Good	Varied	Good	Fine
New snow on hard base						
St Anton	35	135	Good	Crust	Fair	Fine
Lower pistes hard						

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes.

Weekend results and tables

First division

Chelsea	5	Ipswich	3
Leeds	2	Coventry	0
Leicester	0	QP Rangers	0
Liverpool	2	Birmingham	3
Manchester Utd	4	Derby	0
Middlesbrough	1	West Bromwich	0
Norwich	1	Manchester City	3
Nottm Forest	2	Arsenal	0
West Ham Utd	1	Newcastle	0
Wolverhampton	3	Everton	1

POSTPONED: Aston Villa v Bristol City.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nottingham F	26	17	6	3	47	15	40
Manchester C	26	15	4	7	51	27	34
Everton	26	13	8	5	50	31	34
Liverpool	26	14	6	6	35	19	34
Arsenal	26	14	5	7	35	22	33
Leeds	26	11	8	7	41	33	30
Coventry	26	12	6	8	49	43	30
W Bromwich	26	10	8	8	36	33	28
Norwich	26	9	10	7	33	37	28
Derby	26	9	8	9	32	38	26
Manchester U	25	11	3	11	41	37	25
Aston Villa	24	9	6	9	28	25	24
Chelsea	26	8	8	10	30	40	24
Middlesbrough	26	8	8	10	26	36	24
Wolverhampton	26	8	7	11	33	38	23
Ipswich	26	8	7	11	29	35	23
Birmingham	26	9	4	13	35	43	22
Bristol C	24	6	8	10	27	31	20
West Ham	26	6	7	13	31	42	19
QP Rangers	26	4	10	12	27	41	18
Newcastle	25	6	2	17	29	47	14
Leicester	26	2	9	15	11	41	13

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon 4, Leytonstone 0; King*stonian 0, Tilbury 3*; Tooting & Mitcham 2, Slaines Town 2. Postponed: Southall & EB v Woking.

SCHOOLS RESULTS: BRNC Dartmouth 1, Torquay GS 5; Drayton Manor 0, Southall 2; Lancing 0, London University Sidonians 4.

Second division

Bolton	1	Hull City	0
Brighton	5	Mansfield	1
Bristol Rovers	2	Blackpool	0
Charlton	0	Luton	0
Crystal Palace	1	Burnley	1
Oldham	2	Orient	1
Southampton	3	Notts County	1
Sunderland	5	Sheffield Utd	1
Tottenham	2	Cardiff	1

POSTPONED: Stoke v Millwall.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	26	17	4	5	45	24	38
Tottenham	26	14	9	3	54	25	37
Southampton	26	15	6	5	40	34	36
Brighton	26	12	8	6	39	26	32
Blackburn	25	12	8	5	35	29	32
Oldham	26	11	8	7	33	29	30
Luton	26	10	7	9	37	27	27
Sunderland	26	8	11	7	45	38	27
C Palace	26	9	9	8	37	33	27
Blackpool	26	10	6	10	37	33	26
Sheffield U	26	10	6	10	40	49	26
Fulham	25	9	6	10	35	30	24
Charlton	26	9	6	10	37	44	24
Orient	26	6	11	9	28	31	23
Bristol R	26	7	9	10	37	47	23
Stoke	25	8	6	11	26	29	22
Notts County	26	7	8	11	36	44	22
Hull	26	6	8	12	23	28	20
Cardiff	25	6	7	12	29	50	19
Burnley	26	6	6	14	22	42	18
Mansfield	25	5	7	13	33	49	17
Millwall	25	3	10	12	20	35	16

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City 5, Frickley 2; Morecambe 1, Buxton 1; Mossley 3, Goole 2; Runcorn 1, Scarborough 0; Stafford Rangers 2, Gt Harwood 0; Workington 1, Northwich Victoria 2; Worksop 3, South Liverpool 1. Postponed: Gainsborough v Wigan Ath; Matlock v Barrow; Netherfield v Altrincham. Cup: Quarter-final round: Lancaster 0, Boston Utd 2.

Third division

Bury	5	Exeter	0
Chester	2	Colchester	1
Gillingham	3	Cambridge Utd	1
Oxford Utd	3	Bradford City	1
Plymouth	0	Carlisle	1
Shrewsbury	0	Lincoln	1

POSTPONED: Peterborough v Chesterfield: *Sheffield Wednesday v Preston*: Walsall v Rotherham.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tranmere	29	14	8	7	44	26	36
Gillingham	28	12	12	4	51	36	36
Wrexham	25	13	8	4	42	27	34
Cambridge	28	14	6	8	51	39	34
Preston	26	11	9	6	34	25	31
Bury	27	10	11	6	38	32	31
Peterborough	25	10	10	5	21	18	30
Colchester	27	10	9	8	37	27	29
Swindon	26	10	9	7	45	36	29
Shrewsbury	27	10	8	9	41	33	28
Chester	26	7	13	6	30	36	27
Chesterfield	25	11	4	10	29	25	26
Carlisle	25	8	10	8	34	35	26
Walsall	26	7	12	7	29	29	26
Exeter	27	9	7	11	31	37	25
Oxford	28	8	8	12	38	44	24
Rotherham	25	7	8	10	31	38	22
Lincoln	26	6	10	10	27	36	22
Port Vale	26	5	12	9	27	37	22
Sheffield Wed	26	6	8	12	24	33	20
Hereford	27	5	10	12	30	35	20
Portsmouth	27	4	12	11	29	46	20
Plymouth	26	5	9	12	30	40	19
Bradford	27	6	7	14	30	48	19

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: AP Leamington 1, *Weymouth 3*; Barnet 1, Hillingdon 1; Bath 0, Hastings 0; Bedford 2, Kettering 2; Cheltenham 1, Grantham 2; Dartford 2, Wealdstone 1; Maidstone 0, Atherstone 0; Redditch 1, Telford 0; Yeovil 0, Worcester 2. Postponed: Dover v Gravesend; Nuneaton v Minehead.

Fourth division

Bournemouth	1	Scunthorpe	1
Grimsby	0	Stockport	0
Huddersfield	2	Newport	0
Wimbledon	0	Torquay	1
York City	0	Watford	4

POSTPONED: Barnsley v Swansea; Crewe v Southend; Darlington v Rochdale; Doncaster v Aldershot; Northampton v Halifax. Reading v Brentford.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	26	20	2	4	54	23	42
Barnsley	26	11	10	5	38	35	32
Swansea	26	12	7	7	40	35	31
Aldershot	26	11	9	6	34	22	31
Southend	25	12	7	6	30	21	31
Newport	27	13	7	8	46	12	31
Stockport	27	10	9	8	39	29	29
Huddersfield	27	9	11	7	36	26	29
Brentford	26	10	9	7	44	36	29
Reading	26	13	3	10	33	31	29
Torquay	27	9	11	7	31	37	29
Grimsby	26	11	6	9	30	30	28
Bournemouth	27	9	8	10	25	23	26
Doncaster	26	9	7	10	32	36	25
Northampton	26	9	7	10	40	48	25
Darlington	27	8	8	11	34	38	24
Scunthorpe	27	8	8	11	31	38	24
Crewe	26	9	6	11	30	41	24
York	27	8	7	12	31	36	23
Halifax	26	6	10	10	28	32	22
Wimbledon	28	5	11	12	33	52	21
Southport	26	3	14	9	32	40	20
Hartlepool	25	6	4	15	26	47	16
Rochdale	28	4	5	19	29	53	13

FA VASE: Fourth round: Billericay *Town* 2, Grays Athletic 1; *Epsom & Ewell* 0, Eastbourne United 3; Newbury Town 0, Burnham 1; Rainham Town 2, Diss Town 0; Tiverton Town 1, Hungerford Town 4. Postponed: Buckingham Town v Haringey Borough; Farnborough Town v Alma Swanley; Kempston Rovers v Barton Rovers.

Scottish premier division

POSTPONED: Aberdeen v Partick; Celtic v Clydebank; Dundee United v Motherwell; Hibernian v St Mirren; Rangers v Ayr.

Scottish first division

Kilmarnock 1 Airdrie 1

POSTPONED: Dumbarton v Montrose; East Fife v Alloa; Hamilton v Dundee; Queen of the South v Arbroath; St Johnstone v Morton; Stirling v Hearts.

Scottish second division

Stranraer 0 Dunfermline 2

POSTPONED: Albion v Forfar; Brechin v Meadowbank; Cowdenbeath v E Stirling; Falkirk v Clyde; Queen's Park v Raith; Stenhousemuir v Berwick.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Alton 0, Edgware 2; Erith and Belvedere 0, Harefield United 2; Kingsbury Town 2, Chertsey 4; Leyton-Wingate 1, Uxbridge 0; Marlow 5, Ruislip Manor 2; Windsor & Eton 4, Redhill 0.

ATHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Ardinians 2, Old Wellingburians 6; Old Bradfieldians 3, Old Malvernians 1; Old Carthusians 5, Old Foresters 3; Old Cigwhellians 1, Old Brentwoods 1; Old Wykehamists 6, Old Salpians 1.

Yesterday

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Gateshead 0, Boston United 1.

European results

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Charleroi 0, Liege 2; Anderlecht 1, RWD Molenbeek 1; Winterslag 2, Waregem 2; CS Bruges 1, Standard Liege 1; FC Liege 1, FC Bruges 1; Beveren 1, Beerschot 1; Antwerp 0, La Louviere 0; Courtrai 3, Lokeren 1; Boom 1, Beringen 1.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Amsterdam 3, VVV Venlo 0; Volendam 2, NEC Nijmegen 0; Telstar Velsen 0, Den Haag 1; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1, Sparta Rotterdam 2; Roda JC Kerkrade 0, PSV Eindhoven 0; Feyenoord Rotterdam 0, Twente Enschede 2; MAC Breda 2, Haarlem 1; Vitesse Arnhem 2, Ajax Amsterdam 2; Utrecht 0, AZ'67 Alkmaar 0.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bologna 2, Lazio 1; Internazionale 2, Foggia 0; Genoa 2, Fiorentina 1; Vicenza 0, Juventus 0; Napoli 1, Milan 0; Pescara 1, Perugia 1; Roma 3, Atlanta 1; Torino 2, Verona 1.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Estoril 1, Braga 0; Porto 4, Academico 2; Farense 0, Benfica 1; Riopele 0, Portimonense 0; Sporting 3, Espinho 1; Belenenses 1, Boavista 0; Guimaraes 2, Varzim 1.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Mönchengladbach 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Saarbruecken 1, Fortuna Düsseldorf 1; Duisburg 0, Bochum 0; Eintracht Braunschweig 1, Cologne 0; Schalke 04 1, St Pauli 1; Hamburg 2, Stuttgart 0; Bayern Munich 3, Werder Bremen 1; Hertha BSC 4, Munich 1860 1; Borussia Dortmund 4, Kaiserslautern 0.

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SPORT

Racing

Fort Devon's stylish win makes Gold Cup odds look tempting

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

It looks very much as though Charles Toller, Newbury's clerk of the course, had a brainwave when he decided to alter the conditions of the Compton Steeplechase, which is due to be run there on February 11, the same day as the Schweppes Gold trophy. Until this year it was just a humdrum race for novices, now it is open to the best in the land.

Already it is clear that it could develop into a full-scale dress rehearsal for the Gold Cup, with Midnight Court, Bachelor's Hall and Fort Devon all in the line-up. It was some time ago that Fred Winter and Peter Cundell, the respective trainers of Midnight Court and Bachelor's Hall each said that they viewed the Compton Steeplechase as the perfect stepping stone to Cheltenham and that they would definitely run there. On Saturday they were joined by Fort Devon's trainer, Fulke Walwyn, after he had seen his charge win the Fulwell Steeplechase at Kempton Park very easily indeed.

Now it remains to be seen whether any of the big three will opt for an easier opportunity. In his present frame of mind Walwyn will stick to his guns, and why not? After all Fort Devon has run Bachelor's Hall to a neck this season when giving him a stone. Walwyn is convinced that Fort Devon runs best when he is fresh and as the Compton Steeplechase is nearly five weeks before the Gold Cup the timing is perfect as far as he is concerned.

Fort Devon is clearly a clean-winded horse who needs little work. Had he not been he would never have been able to turn in the display that he gave on Saturday even against mediocre opponents. Admittedly he had little to beat, but it was the way that he went about his business rather than what he actually achieved that was so capitivating. Ears pricked all the way he gave a glorious exhibition of jumping and won far more easily than the bare verdict might suggest. In my opinion he still looks a good bet to win this year's Gold Cup at 6-1.

Walwyn and his jockey, Bill Smith, also won the Woking Handicap Hurdle with Gaffer, who was only cantering in front of his rivals with the prize sewn up a long way from home. "Make no mistake I think that this is a hell of a horse—what a 'chaser he will make one day", Walwyn remarked to me soon after he had seen Gaffer unsaddled. For the time being though Gaffer will concentrate on hurdling. His target in the long run will be either the Joe Coral Golden Hurdle or the Waterford Crystal Hurdle at Cheltenham. Both are over three miles which was the distance of his race on Saturday.

Instead of going to Haydock Park to supervise the saddling of The Dealer, who was to become his third winner of the Embassy Premier Steeplechase, Fred Winter went to Kempton where he saw Stopped, one of three horses that he has entered for the Schweppes Gold Trophy finish fourth in the Lanzarote Hurdle, beaten by two other Schweppes candidates, Nougat and Regent's Garden, and by Rusthall as well. Early on Stopped pulled too hard for his own good and later he did not jump fluently enough. However, Winter said afterwards that Stopped would still take his chance at Newbury where he believes a stronger gallop will suit him better and that he would only run Easter Eel in the big race if he could get a run into him first at Sandown Park.

Of the Schweppes candidates on view on Saturday, Regent's Garden impressed me the most and I would not be surprised if he ran really well at Newbury especially if the ground were to be heavy there. Yesterday Ladbrokes amended their ante-post price list which now reads: 8-1 Kybo, 10-1 Dramatist, 12-1 Pinchow, 14-1 Attivo, 16-1 Nougat, Regent's Garden, Stopped and 20-1 bar those seven.

The highlight at Haydock Park was unquestionably the way that The Dealer won the big steeplechase. Turning into the straight his authority suddenly became apparent and from the second that he struck the front the result was never in doubt. Like myself, Winter only watched the race on television at Kempton. Afterwards he discounted any possibility of The Dealer even being entered for the Gold Cup this year and he said emphatically that the Sun Alliance Steeplechase would be his objective at Cheltenham this season.

Talking of Cheltenham, there promises to be a fine race at Doncaster next Saturday. Yesterday, Bob Turnell confirmed that Birds Nest, the current favourite for the Champion Hurdle would definitely run in the William Hill Yorkshire Hurdle and Toby Balding said the same about Decent Fellow. Now it only needs the reigning champion, Night Nurse, to enter the fray with John O'Neill in the saddle and the wires really will be humming.

STATE OF GOING: Worcester: soft. Teesside Park: steeplechase course, soft. Hurdles course, heavy (precautionary inspection 7.30 am today). Fontwell Park: heavy. Tomorrow: Sedgefield: soft.

O'Brien sale in US could blaze a trail

By Michael Phillips

An aircraft left Shannon airport in Ireland on Saturday bound for California with 14 horses for a sale there next Monday, which could be the forerunner of its type and have far-reaching effects in the future. Although the sale will take place under the auspices of the Californian Thoroughbred Breeders' Association at their pavilion in Hollywood Park, it is basically the idea of the brilliant Irish trainer, Vincent O'Brien, whose horses made the journey.

In recent years horses that have stood the test of training in Europe have done increasingly well in the United States, and in California, in particular, when they have continued their racing careers there as three, four or five-year-olds. Sensibly, O'Brien decided some time ago that the climate was ripe to exploit that outlet. O'Brien had seen three horses that he trained in Ireland —King Pellinore ($529,890), Caucasus ($409,555) and Swingtime ($233,200) excel in California once they became acclimatized to life there, not to mention a number of other horses who had spent their formative days racing in Europe.

So when he was on holiday in California last winter O'Brien laid the foundations for next Monday's sale. Unfortunately, the restrictions that the Department of Agriculture in the United States imposed upon the import of thoroughbreds after the outbreak of equine metritis in Europe last summer meant that O'Brien did not know until recently whether his sale would be able to go ahead as planned.

Worcester programme

1.30 BLAKEDOWN HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £569: 2m)

2 0 Albion Prince, F. Rimell, 10-8 .... C. Tinkler
3 Alice Clarke, D. Gandolfo, 10-8 .... P. Barton
4 0 Ask Me Nicely, J. Vaughan, 10-8 .... John Williams
5 02 Atlantic Bridge, G. Balding, 10-8 .... R. Linley
8 f Bostreaked, E. Warren, 10-8 .... M. Young 7
9 0 Bla-Kross, S. Holland, 10-8 .... S. Holland
10 p4 Chestnut Walk, M. McCourt, 10-8 .... G. McCourt
11 00 Crown Bowler, F. Rimell, 10-8 .... J. Burke
14 000 Gordon Girl, R. Vibert, 10-8 .... C. Candy
17 0 Inca Princess, B. Cambidge, 10-8 .... Mr J. Cambidge 7
18 0 Jack Somers, C. Miller, 10-8 .... R. F. Davies
20 p0up Kingston Padro, D. Lewis, 10-8 .... S. G. Davies 7
21 00 Lavenham Lady, R. Murphy, 10-8 .... —
23 Lo Doran, W. Clay, 10-8 .... N. Clay
24 020 Linton, D. Underwood, 10-8 .... J. Redmond 7
25 0 Marrakesh, I. Wardle, 10-8 .... S. Smith-Eccles
26 0 Mayfield Magic, R. Brown, 10-8 .... R. Hyett
27 000 Miss Reassurance, N. Ayliffe, 10-8 .... M. Ayliffe 7
30 Persian Swallow, J. Haine, 10-8 .... R. Mangan
32 000200 Rib Law, J. Wright, 10-8 .... R. R. Evans
33 Rough Flight, D. Wintle, 10-8 .... R. Gardine 7
34 0 Sallys Carouselle, P. Bevan, 10-8 .... D. Sunderland
35 0 Tamsin, J. Johnson, 10-8 .... Mr J. Johnson 7
36 00 Tuparon, S. Mellor, 10-8 .... P. Blacker
38 00 Woburn, C. Bewicke, 10-8 .... J. King

7-4 Atlantic Bridge, 7-2 Crown Bowler, 5-1 Linton, 6-1 Tuparon, 8-1 Rib Law, 10-1 Albion Prince, 14-1 Alice Clarke, 16-1 others.

2.0 COLWALL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: Novices: £647: 2m)

203 00241f Toussaint (D), M. Oliver, 6-11-8 .... R. Crank
205 134222 Dornie (D), P. Arthur, 8-11-2 .... N. Walker 7
207 f43-224 El Menino, C. Bewicke, 7-10-13 .... J. King
208 004-00 Sealing, R. Dening, 9-10-5 .... —
209 4 Pleasure Seeker, G. Bull, 9-10-3 .... P. Kelly

13-8 El Menino, 5-2 Dornie, 7-2 Toussaint, 6-1 Pleasure Seeker, 8-1 Sealing.

2.30 WARNDON STEEPLECHASE (£970: 2½m)

304 211221 Tiepolino, J. Gifford, 6-12-0 .... Mr G. Sloan
305 f-p Agonistic, W. Williams, 10-11-6 .... P. Leach
312 p13-000 My Babby (D), E. Evans, 8-11-6 .... R. Wilding 5
313 00bp-30 Paddy's Best, S. Holmes, 10-11-6 .... Mr M. Brisbourne 5
314 243-22f Rio, J. Cobden, 7-11-6 .... S. May
316 p-pf0 Vapour, L. Merson, 10-11-6 .... K. Bosley 5

10-11 Tiepolino, 5-2 Rio, 9-2 My Babby, 7-1 Paddy's Best, 14-1 others.

3.0 BROADWAY HURDLE (Handicap: £799: 3m)

402 0312-p0 Bobette (C-D), M. Delahooke, 6-11-9 .... J. Suthern
404 2-02001 Popples Love (D), J. Edwards, 6-11-6 .... P. Blacker
406 4-40132 Mauritius (D), F. Winter, 6-11-6 .... P. O'Brien 6
407 003 No Retreat, F. Winter, 6-11-5 .... Mr N. Henderson
409 10-2312 Complicity, J. Perrett, 12-11-4 .... T. Hallett 6
410 03p-p2p Orosse (D), T. Hallett, 11-11-3 .... —
411 0021-0 *Willie May (D), D. Ancil, 5-11-1 .... —
412 0-01000 Saffron Cake (D), B. Cambidge, 9-11-1 .... Mr J. Cambidge 7
413 4-10000 Croftamie (C-D), G. Clay, 10-11-1 .... P. Warner
415 000040 Linden Dolly, D. Wintle, 5-10-13 .... R. Hyett
417 4032-00 Jim Colner, J. Webber, 6-10-10 .... H. J. Evans
419 0-p00 Blickling Hall, K. Bailey, 6-10-9 .... S. Morshead
420 0p4 Hogan Hills (C-D), C. Dingwall, 9-10-7 .... —
421 01-0002 Solid Gold, A. Portman, 12-10-7 .... G. Thorner
423 003000 Molly's Beau, Mrs J. Pitman, 6-10-5 .... B. Smart
424 000230 Satan Power, Mrs E. Kennard, 6-10-5 .... P. Richards 3
426 1-00300 Foxy Fanny, J. Bissill, 5-10-3 .... R. F. Davies
427 004-p02 Roman Tiffin, P. Kearney, 11-10-3 .... S. G. Davies 7
428 00-0000 Grand Rose, M. Stephens, 6-10-0 .... S. May
429 p000 Delcombe, R. Pugh, 6-10-0 .... Mr J. Darlington 7

9-4 Mauritius, 7-2 Popples Love, 9-2 Complicity, 6-1 Bobette, 7-1 No Retreat, 10-1 Hogan Hills, Jim Colner, 14-1 others.

3.30 MARTLEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,093: 3m)

501 11-3102 *Broncho II (D), A. Dickinson, 9-13-7 .... —
503 3f2020 Never Rock (C-D), F. Walwyn, 9-11-0 .... K. Mooney 5
507 0- Gylippus (C-D), Mrs J. Pitman, 9-10-9 .... B. Smart
509 141330 Kick On (D), K. Lewis, 11-10-8 .... R. Hyett
510 113-32f Alpenstock (C), S. Mellor, 11-10-8 .... P. Blacker
512 0-04f4p Jimmy Bowe, E. Swaffield, 11-10-6 .... Mr P. Swaffield 7
514 030233 The Pilgarlic, F. Rimell, 10-10-6 .... C. Tinkler
515 1021-00 Sybil (C-D), D. Nicholson, 7-10-4 .... R. Mangan
516 10-2102 Spariot (D), S. Holland, 10-10-4 .... S. Holland
519 f0-p330 Everything, D. Nicholson, 7-10-0 .... J. Suthern
522 0pu0-23 Captain Clover, G. Ham, 8-10-0 .... Mr B. Venn 7
526 02-00bf Benfro Belle, D. Edmunds, 9-10-0 .... Mr I. McKie 7

9-4 Never Rock, 7-2 The Pilgarlic, 9-2 Alpenstock, 11-2 Jimmy Bowe, 10-1 Spariot, 12-1 Everything, 16-1 others.

4.0 BLAKEDOWN HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £565: 2m)

602 010 Tamalinden Tilla (D), H. Nicholson, 11-4 .... K. Whyte 7
604 0 Another Spring, R. Knipe, 10-8 .... John Williams
607 00 Barley Boy, G. Balding, 10-8 .... R. Bailey
609 p Breath Easy, C. O'Neill, 10-8 .... —
611 0 Cider Drinker, J. Bradley, 10-8 .... M. Williams
613 Cilla, W. White, 10-8 .... —
616 4f Hell Bent, F. Winter, 10-8 .... P. O'Brien 5
618 f0u Jack's Birthday, D. Wintle, 10-8 .... R. Hyett
619 0 June Barr, A. Lloyd, 10-8 .... Mr J. Bryan 7
620 44 Just Peep, V. Lay, 10-8 .... Mrs N. Lay 7
621 Mid-day Milli, D. Underwood, 10-8 .... J. Redmond 7
623 0023 Pennine Derek, W. Wharton, 10-8 .... C. Tinkler
624 0 Port-of-Verona, N. Ayliffe, 10-8 .... M. Ayliffe 7
625 0 Princely Call, J. P. Jones, 10-8 .... G. Thorner
626 4 Prince's Risk, P. Mitchell, 10-8 .... R. Hughes
627 020f02 Royal Audition, C. Dingwall, 10-8 .... P. Leach
628 Seago, D. Ancil, 10-8 .... A. Turnell
629 04p Scalegation, J. Spearing, 10-8 .... G. McCourt
631 0 Sundance Lady, K. Bailey, 10-8 .... S. Morshead
632 4 Sweet Shop, J. Haine, 10-8 .... R. Mangan
635 Top Spot, D. Llewellin, 10-8 .... —
636 00 White Lancer, J. Wright, 10-8 .... R. R. Evans
637 Wistful Lady, J. Spearing, 10-8 .... H. J. Evans

5-2 Hell Bent, 7-2 Barley Boy, 5-1 Tamalinden Tilla, 6-1 Prince's Risk, Royal Audition, 8-1 Sweet Shop, 10-1 Just Peep, 14-1 others.
* Doubtful runner

Worcester selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.30 Atlantic Bridge. 2.0 El Menino. 2.30 Tiepolino. 3.0 Mauritius. 3.30 The Pilgarlic. 4.0 Barley Boy.

Teesside Park programme

1.15 BOWES HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £455: 2m 176yd)

2 00 Bri-Eden, E. Collingwood, 10-9 .... A. Flint 7
3 fu4000 Dam Water, M. Naughton, 10-9 .... C. Hawkins
4 2 Fabrica, M. H. Easterby, 10-9 .... J. O'Neill
7 f03 Naval Victory, R. Hollinshead, 10-9 .... C. Astbury
9 02 Raise You, P. Asquith, 10-9 .... J. Doyle
10 Roll Me Over, C. Thornton, 10-9 .... D. Munro
11 Royal Bishop, J. Berry, 10-9 .... S. Charlton 3
12 0 Sergeant Squeak, E. Carr, 10-9 .... K. McCauley
13 0000 Tartan River, W. A. Stephenson, 10-9 .... G. Faulkner
14 Teeoff, J. Leigh, 10-9 .... M. Stevenson 7
15 f Tudor King, D. Jermy, 10-9 .... I. Garner 7
16 p2p Velvet Boy, A. Smith, 10-9 .... N. Tinkler

5-2 Fabrica, 3-1 Raise You, 4-1 Naval Victory, 9-2 Roll Me Over, 6-1 Velvet Boy, 12-1 Royal Bishop, 20-1 others.

1.45 AYTON HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 2m 176yd)

3 0110-00 Lerazma (C-D), J. Hardy, 5-11-10 .... N. Tinkler
4 0-20213 Rust Borough (C-D), D. Doyle, 6-11-9 .... J. Doyle
5 0f4003 Roaming Minstrel, R. Hollinshead, 5-11-6 .... C. Astbury
7 3000-02 Table Water, T. Barron, 6-10-13 .... K. Gray
8 00-p000 Larolla, G. Wallace, 6-10-11 .... M. O'Shea 5
9 0-30002 Blessed Boy, D. McCain, 6-10-10 .... J. O'Neill
10 p-000pp Boswell Boy, N. Chamberlain, 6-10-6 .... B. Ashbridge 7
12 400304 Vinepark Parade, B. Richmond, 4-10-6 .... K. McCauley
13 000401 Milbil, D. Chapman, 6-10-6 .... M. Barnes

9-4 Lerazma, 11-4 Blessed Boy, 4-1 Rust Borough, 6-1 Table Water, 8-1 Roaming Minstrel, 12-1 Milbil, 20-1 others.

2.15 COUNTY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £825: 3m 31yd)

1 11-3102 Broncho II, A. Dickinson, 9-12-7 .... M. Dickinson
3 0f- Rag Trade, G. Fairbairn, 12-11-12 .... J. O'Neill
7 2p-03pu West End Lad, N. Crump, 10-10-0 .... C. Hawkins

4-6 Broncho II, 2-1 Rag Trade, 10-1 West End Lad.

2.45 THORPE HURDLE (Handicap: £595: 2m 176yd)

3 f0-0020 Et Tu, Mrs Z. Cundall, 6-11-11 .... —
4 011111 Gala Lad, J. Hardy, 4-11-11 .... N. Tinkler
6 0 Luck, M. W. Easterby, 8-11-9 .... —
7 02003p Montreal Boy, J. Calvert, 7-11-7 .... —
8 0 Summercasse, M. Camacho, 7-11-7 .... Mr D. Oldham 7
10 f0-03 Arctic Summer, T. Gillam, 8-11-4 .... D. Goulding
11 f041d1 Jolly Melody (C-D), Rex Carter, 5-11-2 .... D. Briscoe
13 00000-p Michello, G. Wallace, 6-10-13 .... M. O'Shea 5
14 300000 Easby Saint, D. Chapman, 5-10-6 .... M. Barnes
15 201430 Triolo, B. Richmond, 4-10-4 .... J. O'Neill

15-8 Gala Lad, 7-2 Jolly Melody, 9-2 Arctic Summer, 6-1 Et Tu, 8-1 Luck, 10-1 Montreal Boy, 12-1 Triolo, 20-1 others.

3.15 FACEBY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £771: 2m)

1 0-12221 Alverton, M. H. Easterby, 8-11-13 .... J. O'Neill
7 00- Kruganko, N. Crump, 7-11-6 .... C. Hawkins

1-10 Alverton, 8-1 Kruganko.

3.45 BOWES HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £456: 2m 176yd)

1 u000 Aberklair, Rex Carter, 10-9 .... N. Tinkler
2 First Boy, N. Chamberlain, 10-9 .... B. Ashbridge 7
4 00222 Habbersupreme, E. Carter, 10-9 .... M. Lowry 3
5 Kalmlew, W. Gray, 10-9 .... M. Hancock 7
6 034 King Flush, Herbert Jones, 10-9 .... R. Barry
7 0003 Merganser, M. W. Easterby, 10-9 .... J. O'Neill
8 000 Miney Mouse, P. Courage, 10-9 .... M. Barnes
9 Mrs Higgins, K. Mitchord, 10-9 .... S. Charlton 3
10 f0 Portomore, E. Carr, 10-9 .... K. McCauley
11 Ribac, M. W. Easterby, 10-9 .... G. Kelly
12 02004 Romany Light, J. Leigh, 10-9 .... J. Beaton 5
13 0 Scotch Henry, W. A. Stephenson, 10-9 .... R. Collins
15 000 Tilbil, B. Richmond, 10-9 .... M. O'Shea 5
16 Warmspuns Joy, R. Stubbs, 10-9 .... M. Murphy 7
17 0 Witton Fell, R. Stubbs, 10-9 .... T. Enright

7-2 Romany Light, 4-1 Habbersupreme, 9-2 Merganser, 6-1 King Flush, Scotch Henry, 8-1 Ribac, 10-1 Aberklair, 20-1 others.

Fontwell Park programme

1.30 SHRIPNEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £481: 3¼m)

1 000 Front Bencher, V. Thompson, 12-12-0 .... Mr S. Kettlewell 7
2 p330p0 Coolaru, Pat Mitchell, 12-11-12 .... P. K. Mitchell 5
3 s4400f Feel Free, W. Clay, 12-11-11 .... N. Clay
5 0-f00pf Girton Girl, D. Jermy, 8-11-5 .... —
7 3-02440 Ballyhoara Hill, P. Allingham, 12-11-2 .... Mr A. J. Wilson
8 0404p2 Old Smokey, M. Bolton, 9-11-1 .... R. Rowell
10 01004p Kerry B, E. Birchall, 7-10-12 .... Mr R. Woolley
11 3p-0340 Treble Kay, V. Thompson, 14-10-7 .... G. Holmes

5-2 Front Bencher, 7-2 Treble Kay, 9-2 Coolaru, 11-2 Feel Free, 8-1 Ballyhoara Hill, 10-1 Old Smokey, 20-1 others.

2.0 BURPHAM HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £704: 2m 1f)

1 002012 Charbonnier, P. Bailey, 7-11-10 .... R. Champion
9 0f Nordani, H. Willis, 7-11-3 .... C. Brown 3
11 0p Vandue, N. Wakley, 7-11-3 .... N. Wakley
13 0p0- Arctic Lee, C. Harnett, 5-11-1 .... —
15 Friendly Lad, M. Bolton, 5-11-1 .... R. Rowell
18 03141 French Saint, D. Morley, 4-11-0 .... B. R. Davies
24 f Celestial Gem, H. Price, 4-10-0 .... G. Enright
28 u0 Porthos, D. Jermy, 4-10-0 .... —
29 Pride O'Laurence, V. Thompson, 4-10-0 .... G. Holmes
30 0 Upton Bishop, Mrs N. Smith, 4-10-0 .... A. Webb 5

11-8 Charbonnier, 7-4 French Saint, 3-1 Celestial Gem, 12-1 Friendly Lad, 20-1 others.

2.30 PETER DUNCANSON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £3,069: 2½m)

3 0-10112 Artifice (D), J. Thorne, 7-11-11 .... P. Hobbs
5 1202-11 Gathering Storm, J. Gifford, 7-11-0 .... R. Champion
6 3-f3123 Marleymix (C-D), M. Bolton, 6-11-0 .... R. Rowell
10 0021- Star Performance, M. Masson, 7-11-0 .... R. Atkins

Evens Artifice, 7-4 Gathering Storm, 9-2 Marleymix, 14-1 Star Performance.

3.0 SUSSEX HURDLE (Handicap: £1,002: 2m 1f)

3 -0pd0p0 Wovoka, H. Payne, 7-11-4 .... P. Hobbs
7 10-4004 Rilke, D. Morley, 7-10-11 .... B. R. Davies
8 400100 Mynfadiak (C-D), A. Seymour, 6-10-9 .... S. C. Knight
10 0-00100 Sandy Hill, J. Welch, 5-10-7 .... D. Connor 7
11 21401 Princely (C-D), F. Winter, 8-10-5 .... J. Francome
12 0-10340 Mount Street, S. Mathews, 6-10-4 .... —
14 p0114-f Mister Tack (C-D), N. Wakley, 6-10-0 .... —

11-8 Princely, 9-2 Rilke, 6-1 Mister Tack, 8-1 Mynfadiak, Mount Street, 12-1 Sandy Hill, 25-1 Wovoka.

3.30 HOUGTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,323: 2¼m)

1 3100-40 Spanish Tan (C-D), D. Morley, 10-12-2 .... B. R. Davies
2 3221f2 Persian Camp (C-D), R. Head, 10-11-12 .... R. Champion
8 0-34212 Rough and Tumble, F. Winter, 8-10-6 .... J. Francome

11-10 Persian Camp, 5-4 Rough and Tumble, 6-1 Spanish Tan.

4.0 BURPHAM HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £678: 2m 1f)

2 430-103 Crowning Issue, D. Morley, 5-11-8 .... B. R. Davies
4 00000-0 Flying Straight, Mrs D. Oughton, 6-11-3 .... N. Bolman 5
6 0f Thornproof, Miss P. Barnes, 6-11-3 .... —
7 00 Winged Typhoon, V. Cross, 6-11-3 .... R. Champion
10 04 Lennoxlove, Mrs A. Finch, 5-11-1 .... R. J. Owen 7
11 f-030 Persian Scimitar, N. Wakley, 5-11-1 .... N. Wakley
13 0 Simon Slingsby, H. Price, 5-11-1 .... G. Enright
14 14 Donzel, G. Harwood, 4-10-7 .... G. Lawson
17 Fair Arctic, V. Thompson, 4-10-0 .... G. Holmes
19 p Kirov, B. Gubby, 4-10-0 .... Joe Guest
22 f Philotimo, W. Musson, 4-10-0 .... D. Goodwin 7
23 320 Vardos, H. Payne, 4-10-0 .... P. Hobbs

9-4 Donzel, 100-30 Crowning Issue, 9-2 Vardos, 6-1 Lennoxlove, 8-1 Simon Slingsby, 10-1 Persian Scimitar, 16-1 Winged Typhoon, 20-1 others.

Teesside Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.15 Fabrica. 1.45 Lerazma. 2.15 Broncho II. 2.45 Gala Lad. 3.15 Alverton. 3.45 Habbersupreme.

Fontwell Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.30 Front Bencher. 2.0 Charbonnier. 2.30 Artifice. 3.0 Princely. 3.30 Rough and Tumble. 4.0 Donzel.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 French Saint. 3.0 Rilke. 3.30 Spanish Tan. 4.0 Crowning Issue.

Haydock Park results

12.45: 1, Silver Buck (8-1); 2, Kelso Chant (5-1); 3, La Valse (28-1). Prince Kumar VI 9-4 fav. 18 ran. The Hand and Proud Empire did not run.
1.15: 1, Tony (11-1); 2, Attivo (4-1); 3, Paemako Prince (15-1). Narribinni 5-2 fav. 11 ran. Lovaramoss did not run.
1.45: 1, The Dealer (11-10 fav); 2, True Wish (7-2); 3, Another Dolly (10-1). 6 ran.
2.15: 1, Bear's Paw (4-1); 2, Viewfinder (6-1); 3, Sea Count (6-1). John Brown 5-1 fav. 7 ran.
2.45: 1, Another Captain (2-1 fav); 2, Breeze Wagon (3-2); 3, Kirwaugh (6-1). 11 ran. Minibus did not run.
3.15: 1, Tregarron (9-4 fav); 2, Master H (7-2); 3, Tessie's Boy (12-1). 8 ran. Cossack Prince did not run.
3.45: 1, Bakewa (6-1); 2, Eirean Star (8-11); 3, Bond's Best (100-30). 6 ran.

Kempton Park

1.30: 1, Needcome (6-1 jt-fav); 2, Emperor's Gift (12-1); 3, Lampshade (6-1 jt-fav). Red Phantom and Con Hurley 6-1 jt-favs. 23 ran. In Vision did not run.
2.0: 1, Fort Devon (2-9); 2, King or Country (4-1); 3, Flying Prince (35-1). 3 ran.
2.30: 1, Nougat (8-1); 2, Regent's Garden (11-2); 3, Rusthall (11-2). Stopped 7-4 fav. 13 ran. Attivo and Balloni did not run.
3.0: 1, Gaffer (4-6); 2, Jolly Mick (13-1); 3, Willie Wumpkins (12-1). 10 ran.
3.30: 1, Space Project (3-1); 2, Star of the Arctic (10-1); 3, Blue Maid (10-1). Forty Liners 6-4 fav. 9 ran. Tammuz did not run.
4.0: 1, Ragabash (4-1); 2, Bootlaces (14-1); 3, Bustability (33-1). MacKelly 5-4 fav. 14 ran.

For the record

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Bromley 6, Wimbledon 0; London University 1, Hounslow 4; Mid-Surrey 1, Richmond 4; Southgate 5, Old Kingstonians 0.
EAST LEAGUE Premier division: Broxbourne 3, Old Southendians 0; Norfolk Wanderers 1, Bury St Edmunds 2.
OTHER MATCHES: Polytechnic 1, St Albans 0; Staines 3, Eastcote 1; Trojans 3, Old Edwardians 1; Worthing 0, NPL 0.
WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL MATCH: North 3, East 2.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Hertfordshire 0, Hampshire 0 (Hertfordshire won 4—3 on penalty strokes); Lancashire 7, The Army 0.
VIENNA: Indoor tournament: Final placings: 1, Poland, 10 pts; 2, Austria, 7; 3, Belgium, 5; 4, Wales, 4; 5, France, 2; 6, Switzerland, 3.

Athletics

LOS ANGELES: International indoor meeting: 2 miles: 1, S. Nyambui (Tanzania), 8min 16sec. 1 mile: 1, T. Wessinghage (West Germany), 3:59.7. 880 yards: 1, M. Boit (Kenya), 1:50.5. 60 yards: 1, C. Edwards (US), 6.17. Pole vault: 1, G. Lohre (West Germany), 17ft 8in. 60 yards: 1, C. Edwards (US), 6.17. 60-yard hurdles: D. Cooper (US), 7.21. High jump: 1, D. Stones (US), 7ft 7¼in (world indoors). Long jump: A. Robinson (US), 26ft 3¼in.
PHILADELPHIA: Indoor meeting: One mile: W. Waigwa (Kenya), 4min 0.28sec. Two miles: P. Stemmer (US), 8min 44.75sec. 440 yards: T. Darden, 48.1sec. Women's 60 yards: A. Lynch (GB), 6.85sec. Pole vault: M. Tully (US), 17ft 6in.

Tennis

HOUSTON: Women's tournament: semi-final round: Miss M. Navratilova beat Miss B. Stove (Netherlands), 6—2, 7—6; Mrs L. W. King beat Miss S. V. Wade (GB), 7—6, 6—3.
NEW DELHI: Davis Cup: Eastern zone, semi-final round: New Zealand beat India, 4—1. Results: C. Lewis and B. Fairlie (NZ) beat S. Menon and Anand Amritraj, 2—6, 14—16, 12—10, 6—2, 6—2; Menon beat O. Parun, 6—3, 6—4, 6—2; R. Simpson (NZ) beat R. Krishnan, 4—6, 6—4, 6—2, 6—4.
TOKYO: Davis Cup: Eastern zone, semi-final round: Australia beat Japan, 5—0. Results: K. Warwick beat J. Kuki, 2—6, 5—7, 6—3, 6—3, 6—1; A. Stone beat T. Fukui, 6—3, 7—5, 3—6, 2—6, 6—2.
BOCA WEST (Florida): Semi-final round: B. Borg (Sweden) beat B. Gottfried, 6—2, 6—1; J. Connors beat V. Gerulaitis, 6—2, 6—4.
BALTIMORE: Quarter-final round: I. Gorman beat I. Nastase (Romania), 7—5, 6—7, 6—1; C. Mottram (GB) beat R. Crealy (Australia), 6—2, 7—6. Semi-final round: C. Drysdale (SA) beat Mottram, 6—7, 6—4, 6—2; Gorman beat G. Hardie, 7—5, 7—6.

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND: Senior Flags —Second round: Boardman & Eccles 4, Cheadle 19; Stockport 8, Mellor 6. First division: Old Waconians 5, Heaton Mersey 6.
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge University 12, Buckhurst Hill 15; Hampstead 17, Purley 3; London University 16, Croydon 11.

Gymnastics

LONDON: Champions' Cup: Men: 1, E. Arnold (Leeds), 52.75 pts; 2, I. Neale (Coventry), 52.70; 3, E. Van Hoof (Luton), 50.55. Women: 1, K. Robb (Huddersfield), 36.70; 2, S. Cheesebrough (Tameside), 36.25; 3, D. Jones (Huddersfield), 36.10.

Ice/hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Boston Bruins 7, Detroit Red Wings 1; Chicago Black Hawks 4, Minnesota North Stars 1; Cleveland Barons 9, Colorado Rockies 4; Montreal Canadiens 8, Vancouver Canucks 1; New York Islanders 6, Philadelphia Flyers 1; Washington Capitals 3, Pittsburgh Penguins 2; Buffalo Sabres 3, St Louis Blues 1.
WORLD ASSOCIATION: Houston Aeros 5, Cincinnati Stingers 2; Edmonton Oilers 3, Indianapolis Racers 2; Quebec Nordiques 3, New England Whalers 2.

Cyclo-cross

AMORABIETA (Spain): World championship: 1, A. Zweifel (Switzerland), 1hr 7min 21sec; 2, P. Frischknecht (Switzerland), 1hr 8min 01sec; 3, K. P. Thaler (W Germany), 1hr 10min 06sec.

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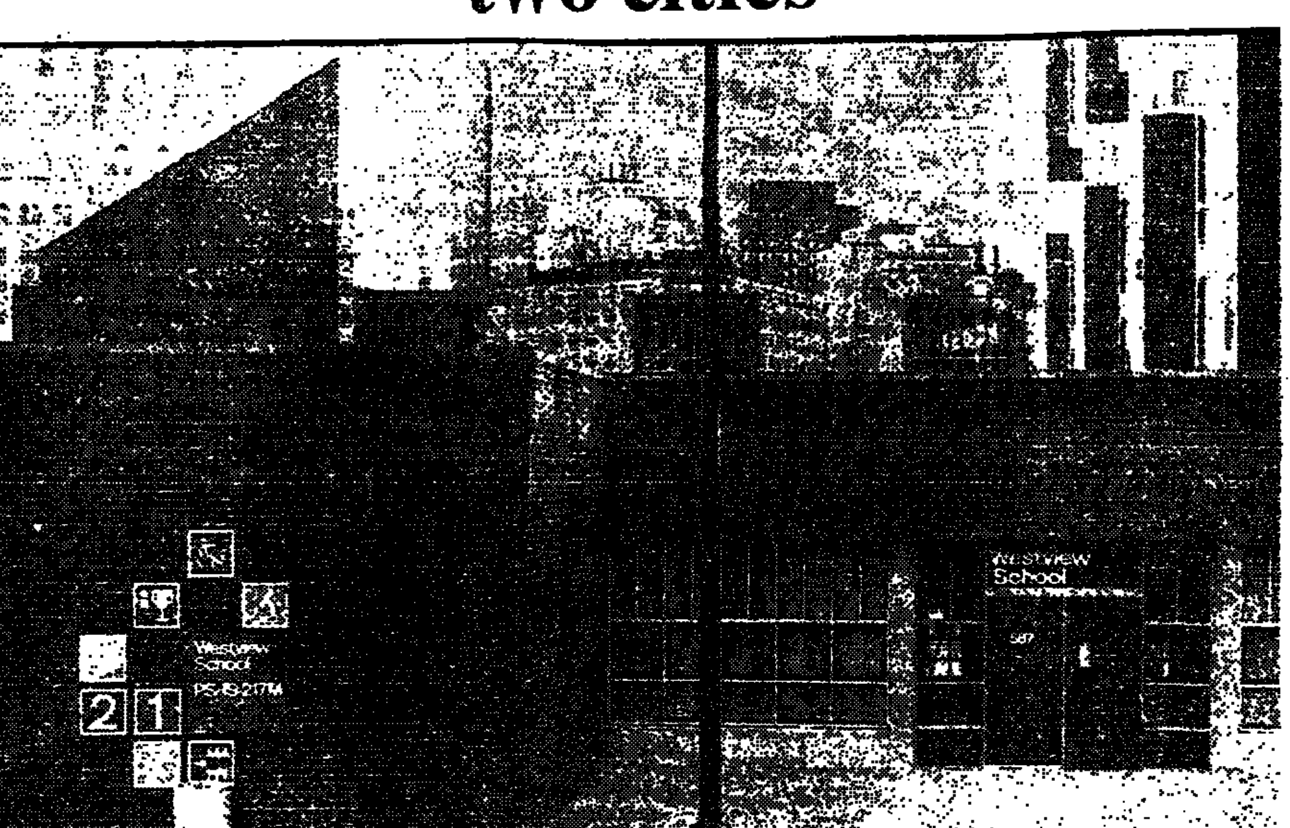
IMST (Austria): World championships: Men: 1, P. Hildgartner (Italy), 2min 3.40sec; 2, A. Winkler (W Germany), 2:04.35; 3, M. Schmid, 2:03.56. Women: 1, V. Sosulya (USSR), 1 min 43.17sec; 2, A. Fendt

Boxing

LAS VEGAS: World lightweight championship: Roberto Duran (Panama) beat Esteban Dejesus (Puerto Rico), referee stopped contest in the 12th round.

Viewpoint

Two schools tell the tale of two cities



Westview School, New York: "core curriculum" and little else.


Herbert Morrison School, London: "enrichment" for pupils.

Herbert Morrison Primary School in South Lambeth, London, and Public School 217 on Roosevelt Island, New York, were both built and opened in the 1970s. Both were planned in accordance with modern educational and architectural precepts which have had to be modified in the light of experience and of financial stringency.

Apart from that, it would be stretching journalistic licence unduly to suggest that there is much similarity between the two schools and the communities they serve. The link is that our son Ben, who is nearly eight, has attended both of them: and he thus provides a useful means of comparing public primary education in two of the world's largest cities.

Herbert Morrison School stands between Wandsworth Road and South Lambeth Road, about half a mile from Vauxhall Bridge. It was originally designed as the infants' section of a larger school which, because of the decline of population in the area, may not now be built. Pupils go from 3½ to 11 years old.

Most of the decaying terraced houses which surrounded it have been pulled down to make way for more of the council estates where the great majority of the school's 200 or so pupils live. They are thus from the poorest section of the community, about half of them black or Asian and some (mostly from southern Europe) are unable to speak English when they arrive.

Roosevelt Island is an artificially created community whose inhabitants live in apartments built within the past five years on what was formerly an island of prisons and hospitals. Some rents are subsidized, but are still too high for the city's very poorest people, which means that the ethic is predominantly middle class. Most of the parents work in Manhattan, a four-minute ride by cable car.

The school has more than 800 pupils, aged from six to 14, but it is divided into five small units, each taking children from a two-year age spread. The schools are built into the apartment buildings. Some are designed on the open-plan system which, as at Herbert Morrison, has been severely modified because the teachers find it hard to work in, chiefly because of the noise.

Ben's first immediate impression of his new school was of a higher degree of organization than that which prevailed in Lambeth. He has his own cubby-hole assigned for his coat and book bag. At Herbert Morrison he would hang his coat on a hook outside the classroom, and he was not required to take anything with him to school. His work books would be collected and piled in the classroom with everyone else's.

In New York, the children have to buy their own loose-leaf folders for keeping their work, and the paper for use in them. They also provide their own pencils and crayons, glue and rulers. In the morning, even the youngest go to school with satchels on their backs.

The classroom layout is also more structured. In London the children sat informally at tables and would often leave their seats to talk to the teacher. Here they sit at their own desks, pushed together to form constant groups of four or six, and the teacher goes to visit them. (A sense of competition, anathema to British educationists, is fostered by giving modest awards, such as doughnuts, each week to the group which has performed best.)

The day is timetabled and, for the most part, the children in one class do the same thing at the same time. In reading, ability groups are formed of children from more than one class, so that at these times the whole school is doing the same subject.

There are other fixed points. On Monday morning is the spelling pre-test, when the week's spelling works are first divulged. On Friday comes the test itself, marked and returned with a percentage score the following Monday. (Marks—something else not to be found at Herbert Morrison.)

Each class has just over 30 pupils—about the same as in London. The curriculum is laid down by the city board of education. It includes reading, maths, social studies and science.

In maths Ben, who is in the second grade, is learning adding and subtraction of numbers up to 20, measurement including the metric system, geometry, fractions and telling time. Because he started school a year before most of his classmates, he finds some of the work simple.

At Herbert Morrison, the children would work mostly at their own pace, using printed work books which they would complete page by page. The fastest worker might be a book or two ahead of some of the slower ones. In New York, any such schemes are thwarted by the shortage of materials.

There is not enough money to buy enough work books, so most material has to be copied from the blackboard or, when the teacher can organize it, issued as duplicated sheets. Thus the quicker children cannot progress at the pace of which they are capable, and the chronic lack of funds in all areas is the most serious affliction of the New York school system. It became much worse in 1975 when, with the city on the verge of bankruptcy, education was the victim of some of the most swingeing expenditure cuts.

There are virtually no art or craft materials at PS 217, at least not for second graders (seven-year-olds). Older children use a special art centre. Herbert Morrison had a "resource area" in the middle of the school generously supplied with different kinds of paper, colouring and modelling materials.

There, large communal works were produced—montages depicting the seasons or the work of the post office and suchlike—as well as individual paintings and models. On Roosevelt Island (as at a school I once visited in Moscow) the art materials are limited to crayons and 8in by 10in sheets of paper.

There are no recorders or percussion instruments. Music was a feature of Herbert Morrison, deriving from the enthusiasm of the headmaster, but in New York the second-graders are now hardly exposed to it. There is a large gym, which each class uses once a week, but is has no equipment except basketball and nets. Foreign language teaching for second-graders has been suspended this year.

The library, for 800 pupils up to the age of 14, is half the size of Herbert Morrison's library, for 200 children up to 11. It will be supplemented by donations; about a quarter of the total accessions of the New York public library system are gifts from the public.

Anything which is not basic reading, writing or arithmetic counts in New York as "enrichment", and it was this which was cut most drastically in 1975. When my wife Olga asked about the lack of music and art she was told: 'For those things nowadays you have to go to private schools".

Yet the teachers do respond to suggestions within the constraints of their resources. This term Ben has started to do some basic weaving, which he enjoys. And the other day he came home with a cheap flute which he and all his class members had been given and which they are learning to play.

New York teachers are as conscientious and caring as their London counterparts and encourage parent involvement in the school. During the recent term an open week was held where the parents were invited to come and see the school in action, as well as attend a meeting with their class teacher.

At this meeting Olga suggested that parents should contribute money for the purchase of work books. At Herbert Morrison such an idea would have [been] rejected for the perfectly proper r[eason] that it would have embarrassed pa[rents] who could not afford it.

In the largely middle-class Roos[evelt] Island community no such const[raint] applied and shortly afterwards pa[rents] were circularized for a donation o[f] ... Another parent who works for a publ[isher] was able to get maths work books [at a] cut rate of 40 cents apiece. In Londo[n] teachers would have rejected these o[n the] grounds that "we use Fletcher ma[ths] and an alien system would be unsuit[able]". Here they were glad to have anything flexible enough to adapt to it.

Help from parents is accepted g[rate]fully in both schools, though in New [York] they insist on cursory training first. W[hen] Olga offered to help at Herbert Morr[ison] she was put to work at once. Here [she] was referred to the school volu[nteer] programme and made to attend four [lec]tures, lasting 2½ hours each.

The London school had no pa[rent-]teacher association. The headmaster k[new] which parents he could call upon to [help] with fundraising and school activities, [and] which he could not. He saw no poin[t in] having this officially recorded in min[utes].

On Roosevelt Island, the PTA thr[ives] and pressurizes and argues in the in[imit]able New York fashion, forming itself [into] working groups and sub-committees appointing officers to liaise with the p[rincipal] and perform other necessary functions.

One hour is set aside each Tuesday [for] religious instruction for those wh[ose] parents want it. It is undertaken off school premises by ministers of the [Pro]testant, Jewish and Roman Catholic [con]gregations. Most children at PS 217 do [not] take advantage of this, but stay in sc[hool] to undertake an activity of their ch[oice]. During that period, the teacher may [not] teach anything new.

Most New York schools serve lu[nch] but the one on Roosevelt Island does [not]. Children have to go home (since they live on the island, this works fine if th[eir] mothers are available) or take sandwic[hes]. This is very pleasing for Ben who, [like] most healthy children, scorned his sch[ool] lunches in London.

It is appropriate to leave the summ[ing] up of the differences between the [two] schools to Ben, for whose benefit all [this] endeavour is being undertaken. Althou[gh] he had a happy and profitable two ye[ars] at Herbert Morrison, and looks back w[ith] nostalgia, he says he likes his new sch[ool] a little better.

He feels comfortable in the more for[mal] structure of the teaching here. He enj[oys] the element of mild competition, and w[as] elated the other week when his table w[on] the week's prize.

He misses playtime, which at his Lo[n]don school was the highlight of the d[ay]. Here, there are no breaks in the morni[ng] and afternoon, so those who go home f[or] lunch have no time at which they c[an] socialize with other children—though th[is] is less of a lack in an enclosed commu[nity] like Roosevelt Island than it would be els[e]where in the city.

The kind of education he is getting no[w] probably approximates to what Mr Jam[es] Callaghan had in mind when he called f[or] a return to a basic "core curriculum". The trouble is that in New York the co[re] is all there is: the apple lacks almost a[ll] its flesh.

I suppose his ideal school would be o[ne] whose classes were organized like the o[nes] at Roosevelt Island, plus the "enric[h]ment" offered by Herbert Morrison. B[ut] he cannot have everything. Indeed, t[he] cash-starved administrators of the Ne[w] York school system would say he is luck[y] to have what he gets.

Michael Leapman

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Weekend Television

Flawed but lovely to look at

The Mayor of Casterbridge
BBC 2

Michael Ratcliffe

Michael Henchard's drunken sale of his wife and child to the sailor at the fair is one of the most shocking and original starts in English fiction—once *experienced* it is rarely forgotten. Thirteen weeks of serialization in *The Graphic* of 1886, however, imposed different disciplines to seven on BBC 2 in 1978 and for Jonathan Powell's production Dennis Potter has interrupt Hardy's measured opening with the wife and daughter's return 18 years later. It was from Susan Henchard's viewpoint that the outrage was remembered and told.

This was the one serious miscalculation in what otherwise promises to be a handsome and confident affair, because it muffled the impact of the original event and diminished its resonance through the tale by placing it, as it were, between parentheses. As a device it also precluded (since Susan could not know of it) the scene of Michael's descent through the sleeping gypsies and yellowhammer hedgerows on the morning after the fair to swear his oath of 21 year abstinence *on the altar of Weydon Church*—a scene both visually memorable and important to the plot.

Elsewhere Mr Potter's conflations were always helpful, chiefly reducing the number of lesser coincidences and peripheral ironies—with 13 episodes to sustain, Hardy is apt to be a little excessive with those—bringing information forward and simplifying the matter of the corn crisis and the arrival of its hero, the Scotsman Farfrae.



Alan Bates with Anne Stallybrass as his wife.

Shot on location last autumn in and around Corfe Castle, the film looks beautiful and it is already clear from the script and from Alan Bates's Henchard that the production, directed by David Giles, will have tension and edge.

Affection, too. Janet Maw as Michael and Susan's daughter conveys the goodness and intelligence, inner sense and wisdom of Elizabeth-Jane in all she does, and the scene where, all unknowingly, she meets her own father—her pleasure and puzzlement matched by his humorous teasing—is a joy. Elsewhere this Henchard is formidable, striding the lanes and coming out of the mist in a black cloak and top hat looking for all the world like the quick spirit of that other man of the west, Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

. . . And a play you may not see

And now for this week's *Theatre 78* production, *Strangled at Birth*. This is set in a major broadcasting organization, and deals with the vacillations and soul-searchings of the men at the top, as they debate whether to screen a controversial programme. Their production team is a prestigious one, £120,000 of public money stands poised over the bin: it's an agonizing choice. At length they reach for the abort button, steeling themselves to face the music. . . .

The music was deafening this weekend after Roy Minton's play *Scum* had been clandestinely shown to the press. This now joins *Sex in Our Time* (strangled at birth by Thames) and *Brimstone and Treacle* (strangled at birth by the BBC) to become the latest *cause célèbre* in the television radicals' fight to get certain kinds of editorial decision redefined as censorship.

I personally believe that Messrs Milne and Cotton should retain the right, accountably and as a very last resort, to veto programmes, but I would suggest that in killing *Scum* they are making a mistake. It may be disturbing, but it is also a good play, excellently directed.

It concerns life in a borstal, and the irresistible rise of a hardened young tom-cat to the position of "Daddy" to his fellow trainees. Life in the institution is presented as a vicious circle of cruelty and pain, in which screws and cons alike are degraded, humiliated and corrupted. Words become a way of concealing the truth. Rehabilitation is shown to be a pious fantasy.

As an artistic statement, there is nothing very new or outrageous about this. Jean Genet and his followers have said it all before. Sociologists of institutions have often said similar things. More mundanely, an official NACRO working party, chaired by our own Peter Jay, recently condemned Borstals for their failure rate.

Several things worry the BBC. The violence is nasty (though no nastier than that contained in certain other programmes recently broadcast). The language is "bad". Sadistic homosexuality constantly hovers in the air; one scene involves two boys raping another while a master hides and gloats. The victim later cuts his wrists.

But the BBC's overriding fear is that viewers will take this unrelievedly depressing portrait as documentary truth rather than as dramatized fiction; they accept that all the incident could happen, but think that to telescope them thus is to "distort the truth". Several of the staff in *Scum* are cynical bullies: a calumny on the Borstal service? No conceivable cuts, it seems, could redeem *Scum* as a suitable case for transmission.

In fact everyone is on thin ice. The BBC, because "distort" is a pretty odd word to apply to a play. (Did Genet "distort"?). The author, because with his emphasis on research he does make implicit documentary claims. The director, because *Scum* somehow feels like a drama-documentary.

But this is a play, a Play for Today on a subject of great importance. A cross between *If* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Show it, with a warning beforehand and a proper discussion afterwards. And hang the Home Office.

Michael Church

Summit Conference
Citizens, Glasgow

Ned Chaillet

There is no more uncompromising theatre in Britain than the Glasgow Citizens. It is, indeed, hard to think of any theatre anywhere where Robert David MacDonald's new play, *Summit Conference*, with its medley of philosophical challenges, could be taken in better stride by as varied an audience. When not spinning out, with jokes, the history of battles and treaties in the Second World War, or confusing sexual roles and representing the processes of racism and anti-semitism, it grapples with the nature of reality, heroism and victimization.

It would seem, to begin with, that the conference of the title was simply a meeting between Hitler's mistress, Eva Braun, and Mussolini's mistress, Clara Peracci, while their men were attending to matters of state. The conversation touches on diet, ideals of German and Italian womankind, and the hope that the Americans will not enter the war in 1941, and keep the Hollywood films to themselves.

Personalities come into it, with sneering references to the small dogs belonging to Churchill and Roosevelt and, when the soldier serving the women is out of the room, to the nocturnal habits of Hitler and Mussolini. Hitler, Braun complains, leaves her bed in the night so that he might be found in his own bed by his masseur.

The trivial conversation mutates. Ann Mitchell's Braun begins speaking as Germany itself, or as Hitler; the words of Julia Blalock's sensual Petacci become those Mussolini might have spoken, for the Italian state. The women come together in a kiss, as two countries finally united, and MacDonald's frequently comic, aphoristic dialogue makes it all seem dramatically reasonable.

In the second act, the women call in the soldier, played by Garry Cooper, and begin a seduction of his body which becomes a rape of his spirit. They undress him, calling him a nice "girl" then a tart and then a Jew. MacDonald leads the play into a consideration of how the Jews became victim of the Nazis and delicately, inconclusively, opens up the question of how the victims of the Nazis might further change in 20 years.

Too much is compacted into the play to permit its easy extraction in a review or to permit comprehensible complaints; but it is worth arguments and consideration well beyond that usually given to regional productions.

Northern Sinfonia/ Seaman
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Paul Griffiths

Arriving from their base in Newcastle, the Northern Sinfonia Orchestra brought with them to London an embarrassment of riches. Not only had they secured the services of Sir Clifford Curzon for Mozart's C minor Concerto, they also put forward two of their members, Gareth Hulse and Clive Lander, *in a neat account of Bach's* Concerto in D minor for oboe and violin, and then introduced us to a commissioned work. This, first performed by the orchestra last Tuesday in Middlesbrough, was the sixth symphony of Andrzej Panufnik, more properly his *Sinfonia Mistica*.

That title may be misleading, even if we take into account Panufnik's statement on the subject. "My personal approach to mysticism", he declares, "has no connexion with any specific religion, neither with Western doctrines nor any religious philosophies of the Far East." And that, we might conclude, fairly leaves us in the dark, which is where we may well rest content to remain.

The symphony's number is more useful a guide than its name, for the work is a musical essay in the arithmetic of six. There are six sections alternately slow and fast in this continuous 21-minute piece, and always there are chords, rhythms and melodic fragments, working through the basic calculations of two times three and three times two. It is music more truly mathematical than anything by Webern, art as precisely, repetitively figured as a Persian tiled wall.

The piece holds that same fascination, and held it even in a performance which, although carefully conducted by Christopher Seaman, did not reach the pinnacle of exactitude which Panufnik's style demands. It is difficult to hold back from *pure delight as the composer* reflects his patterns from one orchestra group into another, or as he paces his material through different six-part metres.

Nigel Coxe
Purcell Room

Max Harrison

Nigel Coxe began his first London recital in seven years on Friday with a nicely unportentous Haydn C major Sonata. He made the quick outer movements dainty, yet zestful, and well conveyed the Adagio's stronger, though still politely expressed, feelings. Deeper, and more urgent matters are dealt with in Mozart's Rondo in A minor and Mr Coxe's was a performance of real intensity, yet always beautifully contained in its emotions, the linear elaborations always cogent.

In Schubert, the subjective undercurrent becomes stronger and, perhaps as an echo of the recent South Bank concert series, largely devoted to that composer, Mr Coxe played his rarely heard B major Sonata D 575. This is an early work, its first movement uneasily *poised between several alternative* pianistic styles, yet it was heard to advantage in this performance, coloured by deft pedalling and thoughtful dynamics. The following Andante is more completely realized, its development better sustained, its lyrical impulse strong.

Far less conventional, even by the standards of its later time, is Janacek's Sonata I X 1905, a highly charged work, of which, again, Mr Coxe took full advantage. The spiky, characteristically idiosyncratic keyboard textures seemed to cause him no trouble, and his fine tone even softened their outlines. This performance, however, was in its final effects as uncompromising as the work itself.

An apt, if unlikely, contrast was provided by *Au bord d'une source*, the first item in a Liszt *group. The performance was* immaculate, and a further instance of Mr Coxe's ability to remain relaxed, even poised, when under pianistic stress. There was more water music in Liszt's *Les jeux d'eaux à la Villa d'Este*, and a crystalline account was given of this evocation of fountains with its remarkably impressionistic use of diatonic harmony.

Overshadowing both, however, was the gloomily impressive threnody *Aux cypres de la Villa d'Este*, whose concentrated, disillusioned bitterness Mr Coxe, once again, brought out to memorable effect.

MONDAY BOOK

The sub-plot of life's comedy

Letters to W. B. Yeats
Edited by Richard J. Finneran, George Mills Harper and William M. Murphy
(Macmillan, two volumes, £10 each)

These two impeccably but unobtrusively edited, annotated and indexed, legibly printed volumes make excellent reading. The great poet to whom these letters were written lived among literate people in "a greater, a more gracious time". Nowadays we telephone; never again is there likely to be such a cross-section of the whole field of a life: William Fay writing about "the window-cleaning people" who want "8 or 9 shillings a month" for the Abbey Theatre, or "the children for Hourglass and the difficulty of getting them"; or (from an astrologer) "Do please for heaven's sake assist me by return".

This sub-plot of life's daily comedy is the setting for more notable matters and for some very fine pieces of writing; by, among others, Yeats's cultured, impecunious, mischievous father, who knew that letter-writing was an art; "this year's letters are *far* better than others I have written".

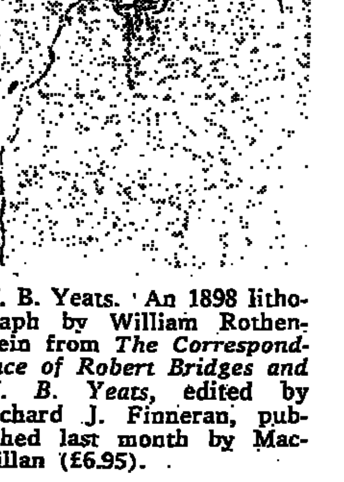
Throughout his life Yeats was at the centre of his world, the originator of projects in which writers, actors, patrons, *printers, painters, stage designers*, astrologers, magicians, folklorists and the political youth of Ireland were happy to be involved. This centrality was unsought; he did not exert power but simply possessed it. George Russell (AE) first and last proclaimed his supremacy. Only George Moore contested it; but after rashly committing himself to praising Yeats ("There never was such a critic") he had to undergo the prolonged ordeal of accepting Yeats's re-writing of the play on Diarmuid and *Grania* on which they collaborated, scene by scene, until Moore cries out in pain "Grania was mine from the first, she was my clear idea . . . but now in the eleventh hour you wish to re-write her character". His only rival was down, Yeats was "the greatest".

AE reproaches Yeats with having hurt the feelings of virtually all the young writers; but he was dispassionate, even patient, towards his many associates. Between these two friends lay a question of values. AE encouraged: it was good for young people to write verse, however mediocre; and, naturally, he was universally loved. Yeats was a perfectionist, and perfectionists are never popular among the mediocre, who, unable to distinguish between good, bad and indifferent imagine that personal taste or personal favour are involved. Yeats could no more have praised inferior art from personal considerations than AE could have hurt a friend by telling him that his work was not good. It was Yeats's total impersonality in things of the mind that so hurt those omitted from anthologies, dismissed from the Abbey Theatre, not chosen to design book-covers or costumes or to sit on committees. Maud Gonne (who is seen in these letters as a much more human person than her political reputation might lead us to expect) writes "I hate hearing you speak of Russell's Deirdre as you do—of course Russell cannot write as you do but all the same Russell is an artist and has a very noble mind." Even the Christian mystic Horton, whose letters to Yeats are written decidedly in the tone of a master remonstrating with an erring disciple, does not escape: "you dealt me that blow with reference to the introduction to my *Book of Images*, reprinted with no mention of me at all in your *Ideas of Good and Evil*. I have never really got over that for *it led* many to think my work was of no further account in your eyes." As a friend Yeats was willing to write an introduction to Horton's book, but not to commit himself to placing Horton among those of lasting fame. The logic is as clear as the hurt is understandable.

It is amusing to see Yeats meeting his match in Gordon Craig: "You tell me you got your stage carpenter to make some golden doors go into my screens. Good God—is it possible I omitted to leave exit and entrance ways in my patent. If I did so I must certainly put it right—but please, Mister Yeats, your carpenter mustn't. *He mustn't add or take away anything whatsover.*" Need one add that Yeats probably respected Craig more than any other contemporary artist. He seldom failed to recognise genius in others; but in music he lacked discrimination and it is sad to see that he treated Heseltine ("Peter Warlock") in a dismissive manner.

Miss Horniman by whose financial help the Irish National Theatre came into being was to find that Yeats could no more be bought than he could be influenced. There is pathos in her alternate ultimatums ("I cannot accept . . .") and her little-girl playing for gratitude ("how gladly will I run errands") by tidying Yeats's drawers, dusting his books, and giving him embarrassingly ill-chosen presents like "a water-bag of goat-skin" from Tunis and a soap-box like her own. All was of no avail. From letters addressed to "Dear Demon" and signed "Annie" the correspondence declined into "Dear Managing Director" signed "A. E. F. Horniman". But if Lady Gregory won in the contest of these two powerful women for control of the Abbey Theatre and its poet, it was because she accepted Yeats's values and standards as an artist. (Ironically these two powerful ones, Yeats and Lady Gregory, themselves waited in vain for any word of praise from that most uncompromising perfectionist of them all, John M. Synge.)

There are surprises: Maud Gonne writing that she "hated Yeats in politics" because he ought to be writing verse. (All his friends in turn tell him that it is as a lyric poet he matters.) Or John Quinn, Yeats's serviceable, efficient, reliable American patron writes a letter of pathological brutality about Yeats's dying father, towards



W. B. Yeats. An 1898 lithograph by William Rothenstein from *The Correspondence of Robert Bridges and W. B. Yeats*, edited by Richard J. Finneran, published last month by Macmillan (£6.95).

whom he had for years shown the greatest kindness. A happy conclusion and reconciliation after Yeats's break with Moina Mathers (widow of Macgregor Mathers) is an agreeable passage to discover.

But the hardest editorial problem must have been the exclusion of so many of the hundreds of available letters. The measure of success is that we scarcely notice the absence of letters from many of Yeats's closest friends (Synge, Lady Gregory, Ezra Pound and others) whose letters have been, or are to be, published elsewhere. What remains is a treasury of information for scholars and of good reading for the rest of us. There are some silly pages, notably from the clergyman minor poet W. F. Stead, and the occultist Miss Stoddart but (unless for the efficient John Quinn) very few dull ones.

As old friends leave the scene the light changes; Dulac, Frank Pearce Sturm, and, almost to the end, AE remain. But with Pound, McGreevy, Ethel Mannin, we enter that modern world whose conduct and work was already growing coarse. Yeats's Purohit Swami leaves behind him debts and perhaps a baby. Laura Riding informs Yeats that her sexless cohabitation with Robert Graves is "simple, and without humour". Indeed it is. The period of Horton outlining his Platonic beloved's shadow on his wall is gone. But to the end the quality of the letters justifies Yeats's line, "*It is my glory* that I had such friends".

Kathleen Raine

Also just published: *W. B. Yeats; the Critical Heritage*, edited by A. N. Jeffares (Routledge, £8.25).

Robert Lowell
Cottesloe

Irving Wardle

American poetry, Robert Lowell once declared, comes in two forms, cooked and raw: "A poetry that can only be studied, and a poetry that can only be declaimed". On the basis of this programme Lowell seems a natural candidate for the first category striving to gain admission to the second.

Lowell became a critical favourite almost on his arrival after the war: and you can see the academic appeal of a writer with his New England patrician background and *capacity* for producing distinctively American work bristling with European cultural landmarks.

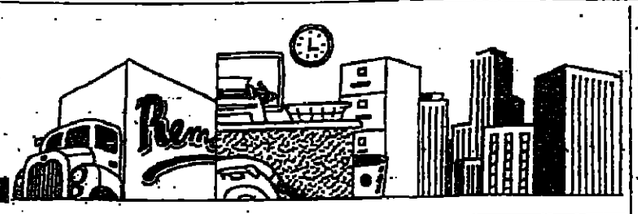
It was like having another Eliot who had chosen to stay at home: an affinity strengthened by Lowell's tortured Catholic conversion. A piece like "The Quaker Graveyard in Nantucket" which opens Ian Hamilton's and Michael Kustow's anthology offers a typical happy hunting ground for the Melville industry.

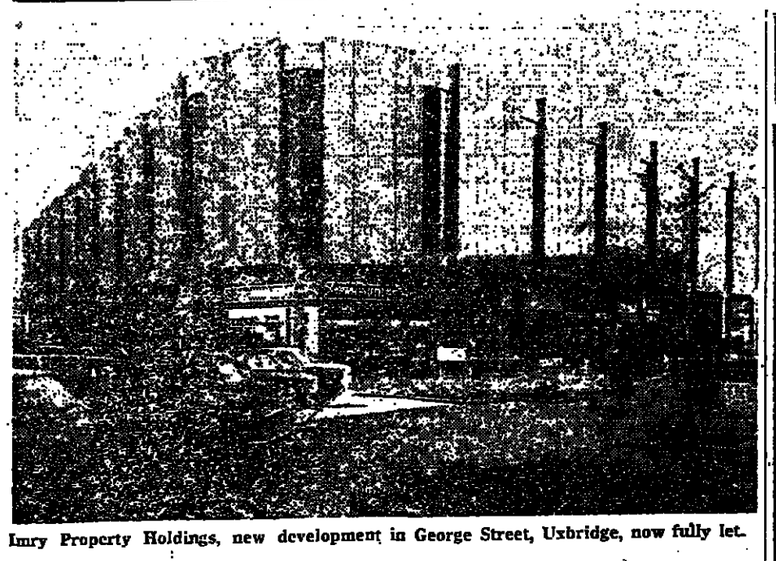
The titles of Lowell's later books are revealing: *Life Studies*, and the *Notebook*, into which he poured the "roughened-up sonnets" aiming to catch the multiple explosions of the 1960s in America with the speed of a war artist. Did he succeed? Judging by this selection, the answer is no. On the whole, this is not public poetry.

The labyrinthine verse paragraphs may contract, but the language remains close-packed and muscle-bound. Stray elegiac couplets get through: ". . . the pruner and his knife/Busy about the tree of life", but rarely a whole poem. And where a performer like Kenneth Cranham goes to the trouble of memorizing a piece and speaking it in character, the writing does little to support him.

There are exceptions. Whenever Lowell is writing ruefully about his father, he casts his stilts aside and speaks almost conversationally. But it is mainly when he is furthest from striking a public attitude, in his *Imitations* of European poets, that he produces the raw stuff that can be declaimed; and it is with this material that Helen Ryan, Ronald Pickup and Harold Pinter (scorching the ears with Villon's *Testament*) seize their chance. The programme is buttressed with flute interludes by Harrison Birtwistle and silent film of the poet and his background: both of which lend more portentousness and illumination.

Commercial Property





Imry Property Holdings, new development in George Street, Uxbridge, now fully let.

Starting again at the centre

Town centre redevelopments are much in the news these days and form an active part of this sector of the market. Work is about to start in Bedford on the new multi-storey car park and shopping development in the Horne Lane and River Street area of the town.

A tender of nearly £2m submitted by Kier Ltd. has been accepted by the North Bedfordshire Borough Council and the centre should be open for trading by Christmas, 1979. It will adjoin the Harpur Centre, which was recently completed, and the two will be linked by an enclosed mall.

This will largely complete the development of the whole of the area bounded by Harpur Street, Midland Road, River Street and Horne Lane.

Consultant architects are Frederick Gibberd and Partners. It will comprise a supermarket and nine individual shops, all under cover. It is expected that the Cambridge and District Co-operative Society will be leasing the supermarket, and the existing Co-op and C & A stores in Midland Road will be linked into the scheme.

A car park will provide space for 500 vehicles and the dominant feature will be a series of arches faced with warm brown brick. Letting it through the council's estates department.

A contract of similar value has been awarded to John Laing Construction, north west region, for the fitting out of the new Debenhams department store in Stockport. The Debenhams Group have acquired a recently completed 90,000 sq ft development at Touchstone Corner, adjacent to the town centre shopping precinct.

The Laing contract is for the complete fitting out of the shell. Parking will be on the roof with access also to the town centre car park, also at roof level. Architects for the Debenhams scheme are Kelley Goold and Clark.

In Basingstoke, Clarendon House, a new shop and office development at 9-11 Church Street carried out by Anglia Commercial Properties has been completed. The shop has been let to Wakefield Fortune International, the travel agents, at a rent close to the asking figure of £8,000 a year.

Above this there are 7,500 sq ft of self-contained offices on three floors which are ready for immediate occupation at £4.50 a sq ft. Letting is through Richard Ellis, and Pearsons, of Basingstoke.

Letting has been completed of the development carried out by Imry Property Holdings in George Street, Uxbridge, on a site formerly occupied by a public house and electricity showrooms.

The scheme provides an office block of about 7,100 sq ft, which has been let to Proctor and Gamble. Besides this there are two large stores, eight shops and six small kiosks, together providing a total retail area of 27,000 sq ft. Rent for the scheme is over £200,000 a year, and the completed development has subsequently been funded with the Midland Bank pension fund.

Other tenants include W. H. Smith and Sons, Bejam, R. and A. Milletts and the Southern Electricity Board. Letting was through Edward Erdman and Co and Farr Bedford.

Work has started on Chatsworth House, a new office development by GUS Property Management at 66/70 St Mary Axe, London, EC3, close to Bishopsgate, the Baltic Exchange and Liverpool Street station. Designed by Carl Fisher and Partners, with Cuthbert Lake and Clapham as planning consultants, the building will provide 30,000 sq ft net of offices and is due for completion in the autumn of 1979.

Edward Erdman, who acted for GUS Property in the purchase of freehold interests from the City Corporation, are letting agents.

In the industrial sector, Flaxyard Industrials have acquired a site of over five acres in Southwark, for a price close to the £875,000 being asked. Vendors were Charringtons Industrial Holdings. The property, which has frontages to the Old Kent Road and Marlborough Grove, SE1, was formerly occupied by Glover, Webb and Liversedge, the coachbuilders, a subsidiary of Charringtons, who has been there since 1720. They have now relocated to Hamble, near Southampton.

Flaxyard intend to demolish the existing buildings and redevelop the site with a new factory and warehouse estate with a total floor area of some 114,000 sq ft. The first units are to be available at the end of this year.

The scheme is being carried out in partnership with the Co-operative Insurance Society, which is providing full development finance. Healey and Baker acted for Charringtons in the transaction, and Peter Taylor and Co acted for Flaxyard. The CIS was advised by Bernard Thorpe and Partners, and all three firms have been retained as letting agents.

Also near London, The Wolff Charity Trust has paid £245,000 for the former JAP engineering works in Tariff Road, Tottenham, and is carrying out a refurbishment programme to provide about 55,000 sq ft of light industrial and warehouse accommodation. Renamed the Triumph Trading Estate, the development consists of five large units of 11,000 sq ft, two of which have been let to the Acme Board and Paper Co and to F. E. Wetherill, industrial plant manufacturers, and are producing a current rent of £33,000 a year.

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Texaco has leased about 27,000 sq ft of offices in Mercury House, Knightsbridge, from BP Oil. Terms asked were a rent of £9 a sq ft for a lease of about 15 years, with five-yearly reviews. Phillip J. Sinclair and Co acted for BP Oil.

Pettits department store at 191-195 Kensington High Street was sold for £1,525,000 when offered at auction by Jones Lang Wootton last week. It was bought by investment clients of Michael Laurie and Partners.

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Applications are invited for the post of

LECTURER IN PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Applicants should have a post-graduate degree in Religious Education plus considerable experience in teaching Religious Education both at the University Level and in Secondary Schools. Teaching Experience in Kenya Schools will be an added advantage. Appointee will be responsible for special Religious Education methods courses in the Departments as well as organizing and co-ordinating Teaching Practice for Religious Education students. Salaries at present under review £K1800—£K3696 pa (K£1—£1.35 sterling). The British Government is unlikely to provide salary-supplementation and associated benefits. Terms of service include subsidized housing, membership of SSSF or FSSU and a non-contributory medical scheme, and family passages. Detailed applications (3 copies) including curriculum vitae (applicants should give 3 names of academic referees and their addresses and at the same time request them to send their references direct to the Registrar without delay), should be sent airmail not later than 17 February 1978 to Registrar, Kenyatta University College, PO Box 43844, Nairobi, Kenya. Applicants resident in UK should also send one copy to Inter-University Council, 90/91 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0DT. Further particulars are available from either address.

Nottingham University Health Service

CRIPPS HEALTH CENTRE

Applications are invited from Registered Medical Practitioners for the post of

PHYSICIAN

to the Nottingham University Health Service. It is hoped that the successful applicant will be able to take up the post in the very near future.

The Health Service provides comprehensive medical care under the National Health Service, for the staff, families and students of Nottingham University. Research into matters relevant to student problems is encouraged, and an interest in students is essential. It would also be an advantage for the successful candidate to be qualified to do obstetrics under the National Health Service, to be competent in casualty work and to have an interest in the development of the Occupational Health Service.

The Health Service is housed in the purpose-built Cripps Health Centre. There are full ancillary staff, visiting consultants, ready access to hospital facilities, in-patient beds, and a dental unit. The salary will be within the clinical lectureship range or in the Senior Clinical Lectureship range.

Full details of this appointment, with application forms, may be obtained from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Closing date for applications is 13th February, 1978. Ref. No. 544.

UEA NORWICH

LECTURER

in ECONOMICS required in the School of Economic and Social Studies tenable from 1 October, 1978. Initial salary within the range £3,333-£4,140 on the scale £3,333-£6,655 (under review), plus USS/FSSU benefits.

Applications (one copy only), giving the names of three persons to whom reference may be made, should be lodged with the Establishment Officer, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ (telephone 0603 56161, ext. 2126), from whom further particulars may be obtained, not later than 30th February, 1978. No forms of application are issued. In naming three referees you are particularly requested to give only the names of those who can immediately be approached.

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE

Vice-Chancellor

The Council and the Senate of the University of Keele wish to appoint a Vice-Chancellor to succeed Professor W. A. C. Stewart, who will retire on 30th September, 1979. Applicants are invited to write in confidence to the Lord Rochester (Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Joint Committee of Council and Senate to consider the appointment) c/o the Registry, University of Keele, not later than 31st March.

Suggestions on persons suitable for consideration would also be welcome.

The University Council reserves the right to appoint to the post by invitation.

Information about the University and further particulars of the post may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Keele, Staffordshire ST5 5BG.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Applications are invited for the post of Director of Music for September, 1978, or January, 1979. The school has an exceptionally strong musical tradition. Two Symphony Orchestras, Chamber Orchestra, Wind Band, Operatic Society, Choral Society, Madrigal Group, Girls' Choir, Jazz Club. A chapel choir sings regularly in the Cathedral. The school runs a week-long Festival of the Arts annually. There are three full-time assistants and the large visiting staff includes several musicians of considerable distinction. What is sought is a dynamic practical musician able to organise strongly and direct the notable enthusiasm in the school for the art. Applications together with the names and addresses of three referees to be sent to the Headmaster by February 10th.

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

(University of London)

Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT

TUC CENTENARY INSTITUTE OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Applications are invited from suitably qualified graduates for the post of

LECTURER IN OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

The successful candidate will be required to teach postgraduates in occupational health and hygiene, undertake research and share in the work of the Institute's Advisory Service to unions and employers, and will be encouraged to form professional links with a university department of psychology. Candidates should have formal training and experience in occupational psychology or related subject, a PhD or equivalent degree and evidence of achievement in field research.

Salary in the range £3,356-£6,555, depending on experience, plus £450 London Weighting throughout. Further details may be obtained from Professor J. C. McDonald, Head of the Institute (Tel: 01-636 8636, ext 257). Application forms, which are returnable by 17 March, 1978, are obtainable from the Dean at the above address.

National University of Lesotho

Applications are invited for the post of

TEMPORARY LECTURER IN HISTORY

tenable for one academic year, 1978 to July, 1979. Applicants should be experienced and able to teach at least two African History courses. Salary: R5,... Accommodation is available at ... (£1 sterling=R1.65). Accommodation is available at reasonable rentals. Passages, baggage entitlement on appointment, and normal ... for appointee, wife and dependent children under age of 21 are provided. Detailed applications (5 copies) including a full curriculum vitae and names and addresses of three referees by the 28 February 1978 to the Assistant Registrar (Appointments), National University of Lesotho, Africa. Applicants resident in the UK should send a copy to the Secretary, Inter-University Council, 90/91 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P ... Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL

requires in September 1978

TWO GRADUATES TO TEACH:

CHEMISTRY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL TO UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

GERMAN AND FRENCH THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL TO UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP LEVEL.

Applications to:
The Headmaster,
Uppingham School,
Uppingham,
Rutland, LE15 9QE
Phone: Uppingham (057-282) 2216,
from whom further information may be obtained.

University of Durham

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Applications are invited for the post of

TEMPORARY LECTURER IN GEOGRAPHY

from 1 October, 1978. Candidates specializing in any aspect of geography will be considered.

Salary on the scale £3,333-... per annum plus superannuation.

Further particulars from the Registrar and Secretary, Old Shire Hall, Durham DH1 3HP, to whom applications (3 copies) naming three referees, should be sent by 25 February.

University of Durham

LECTURER IN APPLIED PHYSICS

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in the Department of Applied Physics and Electronics, tenable from 1st October, 1978. Preference will be given to applicants with research interests in applied solid state physics.

Salary will be on the scale ... to £6,655 per annum (under review) plus superannuation.

Applications (3 copies) naming three referees should be sent by ... February 1978 to the Registrar and Secretary, Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE.

A VACANCY has occurred for a teacher of Shorthand and Typing at a leading London ... Phone 01-637 8605.

University of Nairobi, Kenya

Applications are invited for the post of

DIRECTOR IN THE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

an M.A. or M.Sc. in journalism or mass communication and have at least 10 years experience in journalism. Candidates with a Ph.D. and/or experience in a similar capacity in the mass media will be given preference. University teaching experience as well as administrative ability will be an added advantage. The salary scale will depend on qualifications but it will not be below that of Senior Lecturer. The salary scale will therefore be in the range K£2016—K£3592 p.a. (K£1=£1.31). The British Government is unlikely to provide salary supplementation and associated benefits. Terms of service include family passages; superannuation; medical aid scheme; regular overseas leave and various allowances. Detailed applications (2 copies) including curriculum vitae and naming 3 referees to be sent airmail by 22 February 1978 to Registrar (Recruitment and Training), University of Nairobi, PO Box 30197, Nairobi, Kenya.

Applicants resident in UK should also send one copy to Inter-University Council, 90/91 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0DT.

Further details may be obtained from either address.

University of Southampton

LANGUAGE CENTRE

Applications are invited for the post of

LECTURER IN ENGLISH FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS

commencing in August 1978. The duties will include directing short intensive courses and the sessional English language service. Candidates should have a degree in English, Modern Languages, Linguistics or any other relevant field; either a qualification in ELT or experience in teaching English to foreigners, preferably to adults abroad; a research interest in a relevant field of applied linguistics. Salary scale: £3,333-£6,655 per annum (under review). The appointment will be made on one of the first five points of the scale.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr C. W. L. Swann, The University, Southampton SO9 5NH, to whom applications (seven copies from United Kingdom applicants) should be sent not later than 8 February 1978. Please quote ref. 879/A/T.

University of Kent at Canterbury

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

LECTURER IN ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for a post of Lecturer in Economics with effect from 1st April 1978 or as soon as possible thereafter. Candidates with interests in any area of economics are invited to apply. The person appointed will participate in the general teaching programme in Economics.

Salary according to qualifications and experience will be on the scale £3,333 to £6,655 per annum.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from Mr. J. E. Reilly, Senior Assistant Registrar, The Registry, The University, Canterbury, Kent. Completed applications (three copies) should be returned not later than Monday, 13th February, 1978. Please quote Reference A5/78.

Heriot-Watt University

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

TEMPORARY LECTURER IN MODERN BRITISH HISTORY

The post is for a one year period only from 1st April, 1978. The person appointed will be responsible for teaching modern British history at first year level. Favourable consideration may be given to candidates who are also able to contribute to the teaching of 19th century British economic history. Salary on the Lecturer scale £3,333-£6,655 per annum (under review). Applications for a part-time appointment will also be considered.

Further particulars and application forms are available from the Staff Officer, Heriot-Watt University, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HX, to whom the completed application forms should be returned by 7th February, 1978.

Australian National University

REGISTRAR

The Council invites applications from persons with suitable administrative background and, desirably, of wide experience in relation to tertiary education, for appointment to the position of Registrar to the University.

The salary is $A31,248 per annum.

The University provides reasonable travel and removal expenses and assistance with housing. The appointee will be required to contribute to the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme.

Further information may be obtained from the Vice-Chancellor, the Australian National University, Post Office Box 4, Canberra, A.C.T., 2600, to whom applications should be addressed as soon as possible.

Lanchester Polytechnic

FACULTY OF ART AND DESIGN

CENTRE FOR MEDIA STUDIES

PART-TIME LECTURER

to work in Experimental Workshop

Applicants are invited for a part-time lecturer for 2 days per week (12 hours) to work with students from all years of the CNAA BA (Hons) Degree courses, the main commitment being to the BA (Hons) course in Fine Art. Applicants should be practising artists with particular interests in kinetics, mixed media activities, sound, etc. The successful candidate will be expected to show a considerable degree of responsibility for a growing area of study manned solely by part-time staff.

Candidates should apply in writing giving details of qualifications, experience, etc., to Neil Stair, Head of Centre for Media Studies, Faculty of Art and Design, Lanchester Polytechnic, Priory Street, Coventry CV1 5FB within 7 days of the appearance of this advertisement.

University of Nottingham

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

LECTURER IN ZOOLOGY

Applications are invited for the above post. Preference will given to applicants with research interests in either immunology or Developmental Biology although applications from candidates suitably qualified in other branches of Zoology will be considered. The appointment will preferably take place from 1st April, 1978 although consideration will be given to applicants unable to start before October 1st 1978. The starting salary will be in the range £3,333-£3,761 per annum.

Further details and application forms returnable not later than 13th February, 1978, are available from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Ref. No. 543.

University of London Institute of Education

LECTURER IN HISTORY OF EDUCATION

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in History of Education and Methods of Teaching History. Good academic qualifications and successful teaching experience are essential. The Lecturer salary scale ranges from £3,333-£6,655 (under review) + £450 London Allowance + membership of USS. Further particulars and application forms are obtainable from the Secretary, University of London Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London WC1 0AL quoting reference L/HE. Completed applications should reach the Secretary by 30 February.

THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY

Required for September 1978, a Graduate (Male or Female) to teach Chemistry at all Levels, including work at A-level. The Academy uses Nuffield materials.

Full details of the post may be had from The Rector, The Edinburgh Academy, Edinburgh EH3 5BL, to whom applications should be sent as soon as possible giving details of education, qualifications, and the names of two referees.

University of Durham

Applications are invited for the post of LECTURER IN PSYCHOLOGY from 1 October, 1978, or earlier by arrangement. Preference will be given to applicants with interests in developmental aspects of Psychology, but candidates with interests in other aspects of Psychology may also receive consideration.

Salary on the scale £3,333-£6,655 per annum plus superannuation.

Applications (3 copies) naming three referees should be sent by 15 March, 1978, to the Registrar and Secretary, Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University of London Institute of Education

LECTURER IN TELEVISION

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in Television commencing 1 September. The successful applicant will be responsible under the Head of Department of Educational Media for practical and theoretical work, associated with television usage in education and the study of television as a mass medium. The Institute possesses a black and white CCTV studio plus the necessary technical and engineering staff. The candidate who is appointed will be capable of giving basic courses in production at all technical and educational levels. He/she will be equally able to lecture to post-graduate students on the study of the mass media with special reference to television. Lecturers salary scale (under review) £3,333-£6,655 + £450 London Allowance: membership of USS. Further particulars and application forms available from the Secretary, University of London Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL quoting reference L/TV. Completed applications should be received by 30 February.

University of Durham

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL STUDIES

Applications are invited for a

LECTURESHIP IN ARABIC

to be filled from 1 October 1978.

The successful candidate will be required to teach classical Arabic, and will have a specific interest in grammar and lexicography. A knowledge of modern Persian will be considered a substantial advantage.

The salary will be on the Lecturers' scale (£3,333-£6,655 per annum) together with normal pension arrangements.

Applications (three copies), together with the names of three referees, should be sent not later than Saturday, 25 February 1978 to the Registrar and Secretary, Old Shire Hall, Durham DH1 3HP, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University College of North Wales

Applications are invited for the post of

LECTURER IN FRENCH

Applicants should have specialized in late nineteenth or twentieth century French Studies, and preference may be given to candidates with interests in twentieth century thought.

Salary will be on the scale: £3,333-£6,655 (under review).

Applications (two copies), giving full details of qualifications and experience, together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent to the Assistant Registrar (Personnel), University College of North Wales, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DG, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

Closing date for receipt of applications: 27th February, 1978.

University of Nottingham

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for a

LECTURESHIP

in this Department from economists with a special interest in Macro-economics. The appointment will be effective from the beginning of the session 1978/79 and the salary will be within the range £3,333 to £6,655 but the appointment will be made initially within the range £3,333 to £3,761.

Further particulars and forms of application returnable not later than 20th February, 1978 from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Ref. No. 550.

University of Oxford

READERSHIP IN RECENT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY

The electors intend to proceed to an election to the Readership in Recent Social and Economic History which is now vacant. The stipend of the reader will be on a scale which at present is £6,445-£7,951 a year.

Applications (ten copies), naming three referees but without testimonials, should be received not later than 15 March 1978 by the Registrar, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University of Birmingham

FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

LECTURER IN ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for a newly established lectureship in the Department of Economics. This post has been created as a result of the large numbers of students taking economics in the first year of their course and the lecturer appointed would be expected to contribute to the first year course given by the department for students specialising in subjects other than Economics and Commerce. He will also be expected to teach economics at more advanced levels. Applications from candidates with research interests in any field of economics will be welcomed.

Salary scale £3,333 to £6,655 per annum (under review) plus superannuation.

Further particulars and application forms from the Assistant Registrar (Commerce), University of Birmingham, P.O. Box 363, Birmingham, B15 2TT, to whom three copies of the form, naming three referees, should be returned by Friday, 10th February, 1978, quoting reference C 199 A.

University of Nottingham

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION

ASSISTANT WARDEN

University Adult Education Centre

Applications are invited, preferably from graduates, for the post of Assistant Warden at the University Adult Education Centre in Nottingham. Candidates should be interested in the administration and organising of adult education programmes and preference will be given to applicants with experience in this field.

The appointment will be made on the Administrative salary scale 1A (£2,904-£5,607) but the appointment will be made initially within the range (£2,904-£3,761) and will be effective from April, 1978 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Further particulars and forms of application returnable not later than 20th February, 1978, from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Ref. No. 546.

The University of Hull

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN SOCIAL/POLITICAL SCIENCE

Applications are invited for a Research Assistantship in the Department of Law for a period of six months beginning March 1st, 1978. The successful applicant will be required to work under Mr. Norman Lewis, Senior Lecturer in Law, in an investigation into Council House Allocation Procedures in England. Applicants should possess a good honours degree in political science or other social science discipline.

Salary scale: £2,904-£3,119 (under review).

Applications (4 copies) containing curriculum vitae and the names of two referees should be sent to the Registrar, University of Hull, Hull HU6 7RX, as soon as possible.

University of Keele

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION

ORGANISING ASSISTANT

Applications invited from graduates for above post, commencing 1st April, 1978, or as soon as possible thereafter. Work involves organising, publicising and servicing University Adult Education courses. Experience of adult education desirable, lively interest in it essential. Salary in scale £2,904-£5,607 per annum (under review) with membership of Universities Superannuation Scheme. Further details and application forms from the Registrar, The University, Keele, Staffs, ST5 5BG, to whom completed forms should be returned by 17th February, 1978.

University of Nottingham Medical School

PHARMACOLOGY

Applications are invited from those qualified in medicine, pharmacology or cognate disciplines for a LECTURESHIP tenable in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology (Professor A. T. Birmingham—Professor of Pharmacology).

Pharmacology is taught as one of the basic medical sciences as part of an integrated curriculum for Part 1 of the Bachelor of Medical Sciences degree. An honours option in Physiology and Pharmacology is available to medical students for Part II of the degree.

There are excellent facilities for research in human and other branches of physiology and pharmacology, including an opportunity to participate in established research programmes. For this appointment an interest in biochemical and pharmacokinetic aspects of pharmacology would be an advantage.

Salary will be within the non-clinical scale for lecturers (£3,333 to £6,655 under review) with membership of USS/FSSU. The successful applicant will be expected to take up the appointment as soon as possible.

Further details and application form from the Senior Assistant Registrar, Medical School, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham NG7 2UH, to whom completed applications should be returned by the 20th February, 1978.

University of Nottingham

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Required for September, 1978, a well qualified

LECTURER

to work in the Post-Graduate Certificate in Education Division. The person appointed will be primarily concerned with the initial training of History graduates who intend to teach in secondary schools. He or she will also have some responsibility for the training of students with degrees in the Social Sciences, Politics, Philosophy, etc. who wish to teach in the Humanities area of the school curriculum. There are a number of research projects currently under way in the School of Education, including the DES funded Teacher Education Project.

Salary will be within the range £3,333-£6,655 but the appointment will be made initially in the range £3,333-£5,015 per annum.

Further particulars and forms of application, returnable not later than 20th February 1978, from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Ref. No. 551.

University of Durham

Grey College

Applications are invited for the post of

BURSAR

of Grey College (which houses over 500 men students) from 1 October, 1978. The post includes a part-time lectureship in an appropriate Department within the University. The salary will be on the Lecturers' scale (£3,333-£6,655 per annum) together with normal pension arrangements. The Bursar is required to live in College accommodation for which a deduction is made from the salary. Applications (three copies), together with the names of three referees, should be sent not later than Saturday, 25 February, 1978, to the Registrar and Secretary, Old Shire Hall, Durham DH1 3HP, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

QUALIFIED ART MASTER

required immediately or later for boys boarding school in Upper Bavaria near Munich. Good salary according to Bavarian State scale. Contract subject to approval of Bavarian Education Ministry. Write to the headmaster enclosing a small snapshot to:

LANDSCHULHEIM ELKOSEN,
D 8019 GLONN,
CUSANUSHHOS,
NR. MUNICH, W. GERMANY

University College of North Wales

Applications are invited for the post of

LECTURER IN ZOOLOGY

The appointment will be on the scale: £3,333-£6,655 per annum (under review).

Applications (two copies), giving full details of qualifications and experience, together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent to the Assistant Registrar (Personnel), University College of North Wales, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DG, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

Closing date for the receipt of applications, 28th February, 1978.

University of London

CHAIR OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT TENABLE AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Senate invites applications for the above Chair. Candidates should obtain further particulars from the Academic Registrar, (T) Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU, before submitting applications (10 copies). Closing date 17 February 1978.

University of Southampton

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Applications are invited for the post of

LECTURER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Candidates should have a good Honours Degree in History and be qualified to teach British and European History between about 1550 and 1750 at Honours level.

Salary scale: £3,333-£6,655 (under review). The appointment will be made on one of the first five points of the scale. The initial salary will depend on qualifications and experience.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr C. W. L. Swann, The University, Southampton SO9 5NH, to whom applications (7 copies from United Kingdom applicants) should be sent not later than 10 February, 1978. Please quote ref. T/880/A.

ASSISTANT FOR BOYS SCHOOL IN BAVARIA

Young man awaiting university or similar required, to help with supervision in boys school in Bavaria immediately. Good opportunity to learn German. Full board and lodging and £500 per month pocket money. Driving licence essential. Good opportunity for winter sports.

A similar vacancy will also occur in September in the following academic year. Write to the headmaster enclosing a small snapshot to:

LANDSCHULHEIM ELKOSEN,
D8019 Glonn,
Cusanushhos,
Nr. Munich,
W. Germany.

University of Nottingham

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

LECTURER IN STATISTICS

Applications are invited for this appointment from candidates with an interest in any branch of Statistics or Applied Probability.

Salary will be within the range £3,333-£6,655 although the appointment will be made initially within the first three points of the scale (£3,333, £3,547, £3,761).

Further details and application forms, returnable not later than 20th Feb. 1978, from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Ref. No. 548.

University of Nottingham

DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH

Applications are invited for the post of

LECTURER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH

Preference will be given to candidates with a main interest in the culture and literature of both modern Latin America and Spain. The appointment will be effective from 1st October, 1978.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Closing date 6th February, 1978. Ref. No. 543.

The University of Aston in Birmingham

PROFESSOR AND HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

OF SAFETY & HYGIENE

Applications are invited for appointment as Professor and Head of the Department of Safety and Hygiene which will become vacant in May, 1978. The successful candidate will be responsible for the continuing growth of the Department as one of the foremost centres for the development of the discipline of safety and hygiene through research, teaching, study and practical application. Candidates should have a degree at postgraduate level, significant experience in the field of Safety and Hygiene and be prepared to develop the work on an interdisciplinary basis. It would be considered an advantage although not necessary for candidates to be qualified medical practitioners.

Salary will be within the professorial range of salaries—minimum (currently) £8,106 per annum.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Staff Officer (quoting Ref. 346/2), The University of Aston in Birmingham, Gosta Green, Birmingham B4 7ET to whom applications should be returned not later than 17th February, 1978.

University of Manchester

OWENS PARK AND OAK HOUSE STUDENT RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

POSITION OF MANAGER

The University invites applications for the post of Manager for Owens Park, a modern Residential Complex which provides accommodation for 1,000 students, and Oak House, a new development of self-catering student flats for 950 residents.

Candidates must have considerable experience at a senior level of large scale residential management. The position requires drive, imagination, business acumen and managerial skills of a high order. Candidates are expected to have a proven record of success in a comparable position.

Salary according to Grade III, £6,445, rising to £7,951 p.a. depending on qualifications and experience, with membership of the Universities Superannuation Scheme. The University seeks a Resident Manager but a non-resident appointment will be considered.

Further particulars from the Bursar, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL. Applications returnable by February 17th.

University of Nottingham

FRANCIS HILL CHAIR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Applications are invited for this Chair which becomes vacant upon the death of Professor F. A. Stacey. The Chair is endowed by Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd, and is a second Chair in the Department of Politics. The salary will be within the professorial range.

Further details and forms of application—returnable not later than 13th February 1978—available from Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, quoting Ref. 542.

University of Durham

CHAIR OF ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for a CHAIR OF ECONOMICS in the Department of Economics to be filled from 1 October 1978 or such date as may be arranged.

The appointment will be made on the Professorial salary scale (£8,333 to £6,655 per annum) together with the usual pension arrangements.

Applications (three copies), including the names of three referees, must be submitted not later than Monday, 27 February 1978, to the Registrar and Secretary, Old Shire Hall, Durham DH1 3HP, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University of Wales — University College of Swansea

Lecturer

Applications are invited for the vacancy of Lecturer in Development Studies with particular reference to Community Development in the Centre for Development Studies. Applicants should have field experience and/or research interests in one or more countries of the Middle East or South East Asia.

The appointment, which will be on the scale £3,333-£6,655 per annum, will be tenable from October 1, 1978.

Further particulars and application forms (2 copies) may be obtained from the Personnel Officer, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, to whom they should be returned by Friday, March 3, 1978.

University of Cambridge

BROODBANK FELLOWSHIP

Applications invited for Fellowships for full time research normally at Cambridge in Biochemistry or Biophysics with special reference to the principles and practice of food preservation. Tenure normally from 1 October, 1978, for one year first instance, but may be extended for one or two further years. Candidature open, but preference to post-doctoral applicants. Pensionable salary for Postdoctoral Fellow in range £3,150 to £4,000 according to experience and qualifications. Compulsory superannuation.

Applicants should ascertain that there is a laboratory in Cambridge willing to accommodate them and must outline research proposed, indicating bearing on principles and practice of food preservation and include full curriculum vitae, copies of papers published or references thereto and names and addresses of at least two referees.

Full details available from and applications (ten copies) to reach the Secretary to the Managers of the Broodbank Fund, Department of Applied Biology, Pembroke Street, Cambridge CB2 3DX, not later than 1 March, 1978.

University of Nottingham Department of Law

Applications are invited for

TWO LECTURESHIPS IN LAW

which will be tenable from the beginning of the session 1978/79. For one of these appointments candidates should have a special interest in Common Market Law.

Salary within the range £3,333 to £6,655 but the appointment will be made initially within the range £3,333 to £3,761.

Further particulars and forms of application returnable not later than 20th February, 1978, from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Ref. No. 549.

HOCKEY BLUE?

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Ivan Illich considers the strange paradox of 'modernized poverty'

How the benefits of wealth and technology have backfired on society

Ivan Illich was born in 1926. He studied theology and philosophy at the Gregorian University in Rome and obtained a doctorate in history at the University of Salzburg. He went to the United States in 1951, where he served as assistant pastor in an Irish-Puerto Rican parish in New York City. From 1956 to 1960 he was vice-rector of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico. Illich was co-founder of the Center for Intercultural Documentation in Mexico, where until 1976 he directed research seminars on "Institutional Alternatives in a Technological Society", with special focus on Latin America. He is the author of *Celebration of Awareness, Deschooling Society, Tools for Conviviality, Energy and Equity, Limits to Medicine*, *Medical Nemesis—the Expropriation of Health*, and (with others) *Disabling Professions*.

Modernized poverty appears when the intensity of market dependence reaches a certain threshold. Subjectively, it is the experience of frustrating affluence that occurs in persons mutilated by their reliance on the riches of industrial productivity.

It deprives those affected by it of their freedom and power to act autonomously, to live creatively; it confines them to survival through being plugged into market relations. And precisely because this new impotence is so deeply experienced, it is with difficulty expressed.

For example, we are the witnesses of a barely perceptible transformation in ordinary language: verbs which formerly expressed satisfying actions have been replaced by nouns which name packages designed for passive consumption only—"to learn" becomes "to accumulate credits".

A profound change in individual and social self-images is here reflected. And the layman is not the only one who has difficulty in accurately expressing what he experiences. The professional economist is unable to recognize the poverty that his conventional instruments fail to uncover.

Nevertheless, the new mutant of impoverishment continues to spread. The peculiarly modern inability to use personal endowments, community wealth, and environmental resources in an autonomous way infects every aspect of life where a professionally engineered commodity has succeeded in replacing a culturally shaped use-value. The opportunity to experience personal and social satisfaction outside the market is thus destroyed.

This new impotence-producing poverty must not be confused with the widening gap between the consumption of rich and poor in a world where basic needs are increasingly shaped by industrial commodities. This gap is the form traditional poverty assumes in an industrial society, and the conventional terms of class struggle appropriately reveal and reduce it.

I further distinguish modernized poverty from the burdensome price exacted by the externalities which increased levels of production spew into the environment.

It is clear that these kinds of pollution, stress, and taxation are unequally imposed. Correspondingly, defences against such depredations are unequally distributed. But like the new gaps in access, such inequities in social costs are aspects of industrialized poverty for which economic indicators and objective verification can be found.

Such is not true for the industrialized impotence that affects both rich and poor. Where this kind of poverty reigns, life without addictive access to commodities is rendered impossible or criminal—or both.

Making do without consumption becomes impossible, not just for the average consumer but even for the poor. All forms of welfare, from affirmative action to job training, are of no help. The liberty to design and craft one's own distinctive dwelling is abolished in favour of the bureaucratic provision of standardized housing in the United States, Cuba or Sweden.

The organization of employment, skills, building resources, of rules and credit favour shelter as a commodity rather than as an activity. Whether the product is provided by an entrepreneur or an apparatchik, the effective result is the same: citizen impotence, our specifically modern experience of poverty.

Wherever the shadow of economic growth touches us, we are left useless unless employed on a job or engaged in consumption: the attempt to build a house or set a bone outside the control of certified specialists appears as anarchic conceit.

We lose sight of our resources, lose control over the environmental conditions which make these resources applicable, lose taste for self-reliant coping with challenges from without and anxiety from within.

For advanced industrial society, the modernization of poverty means that people are helpless to recognize evidence unless it has been certified by a professional—be he a television weather commentator or an educator: organic discomfort becomes intolerably threatening unless it has been medicalized into dependence on a therapist: neighbours and friends are lost unless vehicles bridge the separating distance (created by the vehicles in the first place).

This essay assumes a rather large increase in the non-technical, ritual, and symbolic powers of our major technological and bureaucratic systems, and a corresponding decrease in their scientific, technical, and instrumental credibility.

In 1968, for example, it was still quite easy to dismiss organized lay resistance to professional dominance as nothing more than a throwback to romantic, obscurantist or elitist fantasies. The grass roots, commonsense assessment of technological systems which I then outlined, seemed childish or retrograde to the political leaders of citizen activism, and to the "radical" professionals who laid claim to the tutorship of the poor by means of their special knowledge.

The reorganization of late industrial society around professionally defined needs, problems, and solutions was still the commonly accepted value implicit in ideological, political, and juridical systems otherwise clearly and sometimes violently opposed to one another.

Now the picture has changed. A hallmark of advanced and enlightened technical competence is a self-confident community, neighbourhood or group of citizens engaged in the systematic analysis and consequent ridicule of the "needs", "problems", and "solutions" defined for them by the agents of professional establishments.

In the sixties, lay opposition to legislation based on expert opinion still sounded like anti-scientific bigotry. Today, lay confidence in public policies based upon the expert's opinion is tenuous indeed. Now thousands reach their own judgments and, at great cost, engage in citizen action without any professional tutorship; through personal, independent effort, they gain the scientific information they need.

Sometimes risking limb, freedom, and respectability, they bear witness to a newly mature scientific attitude.

Ten years ago, compulsory schooling was still protected by powerful taboos. Today its defenders are almost exclusively either teachers whose jobs depend upon it or Marxist ideologues who defend professional knowledge-holders in a shadow battle against the hip-bourgeoisie.

Ten years ago, the myths about the effectiveness of modern medical institutions were still unquestioned. For example, most textbooks accepted the beliefs that adult life expectancy was increasing, that treatment for cancer postponed death, that the availability of doctors produced greater infant survival rates.

Since then people have "discovered" what vital statistics have always shown—adult life expectancy has not changed in any socially significant way over the last few generations, is lower in most rich countries today than in our grandparents' time, and lower than in many poor nations.

Shadow prices and increased consumption gaps are important aspects of the new poverty. But my principal interest is directed towards a different concomitant of modernization—the process through which autonomy is undermined, satisfaction is dulled, experience is flattened out, needs are frustrated for nearly everyone.

I have examined the society-wide obstacles to mutual presence which are necessary side effects of energy-intensive transportation. I have wanted to define the power limits of motors equitably used to increase access to one another. I recognize, of course, that high speeds inevitably impose a skewed distribution of harriedness, noise, pollution, and enjoyment of privilege. But my emphasis is other. My arguments are focused on the negative *externalities* of modernity—such as time-consuming acceleration, sick-making health care, stupefying education.

The unequal distribution of these ersatz benefits, or the unequal imposition of their negative *externalities*, are corollaries to my basic argument. I am interested in the direct and specific effects of modernized poverty, in human tolerance for such effects and in the possibility of escaping the new misery. I share with others a deep desire to see greater justice. I am absolutely opposed to the unjust distribution of what can be genuinely shared with pleasure. But I have found it necessary, these last few years, to examine carefully the objects of any and every redistribution proposal.

My aim has been to detect and denounce the false affluence which is *always* unjust because it can only frustrate. Through this kind of analysis one can begin to develop the theory which would inspire the social regeneration possible for twentieth century man.

Excessive forms of wealth and prolonged formal employment, no matter how well distributed, destroy the social, cultural, and environmental conditions for equal productive freedom. *Bits* and *watts* (which stand for units of information and of energy respectively) when packaged into any mass-produced commodity in amounts that pass a threshold, *inevitably* constitute impoverishing wealth.

Such impoverishing wealth is either too rare to be shared, or it is destructive of the freedom and liberty of the weakest. With each of my essays I have attempted to make a contribution to the political process by which the socially critical thresholds of enrichment are recognized by citizens and translated into society-wide ceilings or limits.

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The need to put Parliament before party

The two salient facts about Parliament today are that it is incapable of doing its job in the manner expected by the public and that it seems almost impossible to remedy the situation. On the first point, the Commons' *chief current function* is to support the Government of the day. Everything is organized to give the Government a majority in every division and in every committee and this majority allows the Government *to control the procedure* and timetable of the House. The minority are organized to support their leaders and the two sides hammer away at each other in the struggle for power. Between *elections this struggle is largely* confined to the Commons and then at elections the public are brought in to determine which side is to have a majority at its bidding for the next four or five years.

For the discharge of these functions of backing up the government, of conducting the major political battles, of putting issues before the public and of registering the results of general elections, the House is admirably organized. But the public expect Parliament to do much more. For instance, in some sense they expect Parliament to legislate or at least to have some effect on the Bills that are passed.

What, otherwise, was the point of *The Times* criticism a few weeks ago that only a handful of MPs were participating in the debates on the Devolution "Bill"? Presumably *The Times* thought that as discussions took place on complicated clauses, some bright MP would spring up and suggest an amendment, the minister in charge would listen to the case, see its virtue and incorporate the change.

But this does not happen. Normally a Government gets every Bill and every amendment it wants through in exactly the form it desires. Occasionally a Bill is abandoned as happened when Sir Harold Wilson gave up his proposal on industrial relations in 1969 and in 1977 the Scotland and Wales Bill failed at the guillotine stage. But on the details of legislation, rank and file members are unaware of the negotiations with pressure groups that have determined the shape of a Bill nor is the House of Commons equipped to take its part in such negotiations or to draft appropriate amendments.

At present because the Government is in a minority, an occasional combination of all its opponents can defeat a clause, but the usual legislative task of the House is to keep repeating the political case for and against the principle of a Bill.

Then in some sense, the public expect Parliament to think about the taxes it imposes and to control expenditure. But, as Edward du Cann the chairman of the public accounts committee said last Monday. "The truth and reality remain that Parliament hardly controls public expenditure at all". He cited among many examples of waste the £100m given to get certain industrial projects sited precisely where they would have been sited whether the money had been granted or not. He welcomed the system of cash limits now covering £25,000m of expenditure but found it surprising that the *system had never been sanctioned* by Parliament.

The public also expect Parliament to watch over the activities of the executive in all its forms yet there was no adequate supervision of the Crown Agents. The public accounts committee has no access to the books of the National Enterprise Board or of the British National Oil Corporation.

There has been great interest in the attempts of the Select Committee on nationalized industries to find out the fact about the £520m loss anticipated by British Steel but it is worth recalling that this same committee was refused permission to examine the *working of the Bank of England* in the late 1960s and that the expenditure committee failed to find out the full facts about the bale-out of the Chrysler Corporation or to get Harold Lever, the minister concerned, *to appear before it.*

The reason for this cumulative failure is that when the House of Commons [illegible] its great prestige as leg[islature] in the last century, M[embers] ported their leaders and over the great politica[l issues] but they also had much personal and politica[l] pendence. They were o[nly] atively secure in their t[erri]uencies and their vote House had to be obta[ined by] persuasion. At the san[ne time] they demanded and [got] accounts of all that the [govern]ment was doing (volu[mes of] despatches on [every] foreign affairs were p[ublished] as *Command* pap[ers]. House commanded production) and select tees swarmed all over small and relatively ive Whitehall departme[nts].

Now, a century late[r] are 750,000 civil where there were only before, the Governm[ent] spending over 50 per the gross national prod[uct] one would have expec[ted] Commons as the leg[islature] monitoring, and scr[utiny] mechanism to have ir[self] its capacity accordingly.

Yet the opposite h[as] pened. Now MPs are by their constituencies as they loyally suppo[rt] leaders in the House a[nd] leaders treat them wi[th] amounts to contempt. tish Parliament is t[he] legislature in the world with no foreign committee, no defence tee and no economic committee.

The House cannot s[olve] committee, vote itself alter standing orders anything against the w[ill of] the majority of it members, who see their giving automatic supp[ort] their party whenever needed.

Rectifying this de[fect] situation presents no p[roblem] of technique or of mac[hinery] it is simply a matter ical will. We could, in with a smaller House mons, but one in members were properly *do a full-time job. The* would have to be sele[cted] mittees to watch over t[he] of each Whitehall dep[artment] with powers to call dence, to see papers vote on the details

It would be essentia[l] MPs elect their collea[gues] these committees so tha[t] members could not be by the Chief Whip committees would have permanent (and not *able by the Governm*[ent] happened to the agri[culture] committee). The Gover[nment] control of the majority also be reduced by h[is] limit of 25 ministers Commons; the other *appointed largely for pa*[rty] reasons. Finally, fixed te[rms] liaments would preven[t] leaders pretending th[at] defeat, whatever the is[sue] dangered the life Government. It would *possible to support a* without having to give backing to all its measur[es].

A series of relatively reforms of this kind w[ould] much to restore the and prestige of Parl[iament]. The only problem is t[hat] forces opposed to any are so powerful. The knot of great political tors, such as Michael F[oot] Enoch Powell, want t[o] the Commons operating *level only, that of fronta*[l] ical combat.

In Whitehall, the administrative establis[hment] from men like Sir Trend (whose opposit[ion] Commons reform is set *the Crossman Diaries*) Charles Villiers offers cious resistance to any tive accountability to ment and unfortunatel[y] current leadership in[the] major parties cares for about marginal advanta[ge] the electoral stakes than the health of our politi[cal] stitutions.

The one hope is th[at] present position is becom[ing] evidently unsatisfactory is open almost to ri[dicule]. There are signs both fro[m] outside public and amon[g] MPs that the situation tolerated no longer. The and further this impa[sse] goes, the better.

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Lord Chalfont

Why building up conventional forces makes more sense than buying new missiles

It is, I think, important that the issues involved in Britain's future as a nuclear power should be understood as widely as possible. If they are not, there is a real danger that decisions will be taken (or alternatively *not* taken) without adequate public debate, on a matter which closely affects not only national security but possibly national survival as well. Yet intelligent public debate on nuclear weapons is difficult to sustain, since, although the subject raises complicated and often abstruse technical and political issues, it tends also to provoke the most violent emotional reactions among those who fail to, or refuse to, give serious thought to these issues.

It might, therefore, be useful to set out some of the principal arguments, in the hope that the next phase of Britain's nuclear weapons policy might be decided in a climate of public involvement somewhat more rational than we have been accustomed to in the past. Mindless slogans and the systematic exploitation of primitive fears are unlikely to lead to intelligent political decisions. In this context I do not take seriously the argument, sometimes heard, that we should in some way "get rid of" our nuclear weapons. In the first place it is not immediately clear to me *how* one gets rid of them; and, secondly, the time has gone when such a gesture might have had the slightest effect on the climate of international disarmament.

In my last column two weeks ago I advanced the proposition that decisions of some sort would have to be taken soon, on the grounds that within about 10 years the existing missile-firing submarines would *begin to wear out*; and that it takes about the same period (the "lead-time") to evolve a new weapons system to replace them. It is important to say at once that there are people with impressive qualifications who totally reject this view, believing that it reflects *the insistent pressures of the* military-industrial complex and the built-in momentum of the international arms race.

Their argument is, firstly, that modern submarines do not just "wear out". They may become more difficult to maintain, but there is, it is suggested, no reason why they should not remain seaworthy for 15 or even 20 years longer. Furthermore, the argument runs, there is no difficulty *about building or buying new* submarines; and so far as the missiles are concerned, British submarines are now fitted with the improved A3 Polaris missile which will remain effective indefinitely as a retaliatory weapon; *and as the Americans* are now stockpiling their A3 missiles to re-equip their own fleet with more modern weapons, there is no reason why we should ever run short of them. Therefore, the argument concludes, Britain can retain its *present* level of nuclear deterrence indefinitely without the need to take any important policy decisions at all.

The counter-argument to this is that even if the submarines *do* remain seaworthy, they will have to spend substantially more time in port as they grow older. Even now it is only rarely that more than two of the four Polaris boats are on operational station at any *time. If this number* were to be further reduced, the Russian task of shadowing the submarines and if necessary destroying them would be correspondingly easier. Furthermore, there are those who argue that the present nuclear deterrent *is not truly independent*, since the missiles themselves are provided by the Americans. This is not a point of much substance. A more cogent argument is that Britain would be unlikely in any conceivable circumstances to *use* its nuclear weapons independently of the United States, knowing that Russian retaliation would be capable of destroying the entire United Kingdom. However, even this is not entirely convincing, since no Russian planner is likely to act on the assumption that Britain would *not use its* nuclear weapons if attacked. The realistic conclusion therefore is that, for all practical purposes, the United Kingdom *does* possess an independent capacity for nuclear deterrence, *and that it will continue to do* so as long as even one missile-firing submarine can be kept at sea.

It is necessary next to deal with the argument at a different level—that of European security taken in isolation from the superpower confrontation.

The point of departure here is that the Soviet Union has been for some time increasing the number and effectiveness of mobile land-based nuclear missiles aimed at Western European targets These are excluded from the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks being conducted between the Soviet Union and the United States. Military planners therefore argue that, in order *to prevent Western Europe* being subjected to nuclear dominance by the Russians, the European allies need a powerful medium-range nuclear striking force of their own. It is in pursuance of this theory that strong arguments are advanced for the acquisition by Western European countries of the cruise missile

The arguments against this course of action are persuasive. In the first place it is by no means clear that the best riposte to an increase in nuclear strength by the Russians is a *similar increase* by the West. It is at least as convincing to argue that the best reaction is an increase in *conventional*, or non-nuclear military defences, on the ground that it is most important to raise the nuclear *threshold, in other words, to* make nuclear war less likely, since, if the only reply available to the West in the event of a Russian conventional attack were a nuclear defence, the result would be uncontrolled *devastation.*

It is, to say the least, very unlikely that the Soviet Union would be prepared to conduct a cosy little battlefield nuclear exchange, like some atomic tennis-tournament run *on orderly lines* and according to carefully observed rules. A second powerful argument against the acquisition by Western European powers of the cruise missile concerns West Germany. Although the Federal Republic is debarred by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1970 from acquiring nuclear weapons, there is no obstacle to its acquiring cruise missiles, which can be fitted with powerful non-nuclear warheads.

The danger here is that there is no way of determining whether a cruise missile in flight is fitted with a nuclear or a conventional high-explosive warhead; and if, in the course of a war in western Europe, a cruise missile were fired at a target in the Soviet Union, the Russians would be extremely unlikely to wait patiently until it exploded to see what kind of a bang it made—they would be much *more likely to retaliate with* their own nuclear weapons in case they should be destroyed before they could be launched.

Finally, there is the not inconsiderable argument that if the European members of Nato chose to engage in weapons programmes likely to disrupt Soviet-American negotiations, the United States would be unwilling to assist them with technological information.

The issues, as I have said, are complicated and perplexing. Having weighed them, the *British Government has a limited* number of options available to it. It can decide to do without a new generation of nuclear weapons, relying upon the present Polaris fleet to continue with its mission of deterrence, *possibly with some American* help both with submarines and missiles; it can decide to build new submarines, equipped, as the present fleet is, with American missiles—and possibly even with American warheads; or it *can decide to acquire a cruise missile* force.

Finally it will have to decide from what type of platform a cruise missile force would be launched. Land-based missiles would be vulnerable to what is called a "pre-emptive" nuclear strike from the Russians. A cruise missile platform is therefore not the sort of thing people are likely to want in their back gardens. Similarly an air-launched missile is vulnerable to attacks on airfields, requiring the extravagant expense of maintaining a force of missile-firing aircraft constantly on patrol in the air to ensure their survival: and if, as some people have suggested, we should *mount cruise missiles on civil* aircraft, the implications for the safety of commercial airlines are, to say the least, disturbing. Sea-launched missiles can be fired either from surface ships or submarines. Surface vessels *are fairly easily tracked and* destroyed; whereas if it is decided to use the more elusive submarine, it makes more sense militarily and economically to stick to the existing ballistic missile.

Everyone has to *decide where* he or she stands in this deadly argument—or just pray that those who have to take the decision will get it right, in which case some powerful praying is going to be called for. For myself, having spent much time in sombre contemplation of the issues, I find it difficult to resist the conclusion that, so far as Britain is concerned, what is needed is the simple ability to deter a potential enemy from attacking us or our allies.

This requires a combination of *two elements—the demon*strable ability to fight a non-nuclear war in the event of being attacked, together with the ability to persuade the enemy that we can and *might* retaliate with nuclear weapons, *especially if nuclear weapons* were used against us. In the absence of more convincing evidence than has so far been produced, it seems clear that the existing Polaris fleet will be capable of providing the *second element for some considerable* time to come. The Soviet Union has no effective defence against ballistic missile attack and, with or without an agreement on strategic arms limitation, is unlikely to *achieve one in the foreseeable* future.

On the other hand the Russians *are* rapidly and systematically improving their capacity to confront the West with the choice between defeat by conventional forces and an annihilating nuclear war. It would seem perverse, therefore, that Britain should choose to expend on a new nuclear weapons programme money and other resources which would be more usefully devoted to strengthening our conventional forces in Europe, and to building up military defences which would enable Nato to meet an attack without being obliged to resort immediately to the suicidal use of nuclear weapons.

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LEAPMAN IN AMERICA

I have always believed that the United States to a large extent owes its prosperity and its technological leadership to its extreme climate. A country of which large tracts get unbearably *hot in summer and* bitterly cold in winter has to develop two quite distinct technologies for comfort, as well as the energy sources to fuel them.

Thus the manufacture of *expensive and elaborate* equipment for air conditioning and central heating is big business, providing millions of jobs and pumping money furiously into the economy. The clothing industry similarly thrives by having *to make* bulky furs and woollens for the winter and skimpy articles for the summer.

Yet once they have protected themselves from their climate as far as their budget and *their ingenuity will allow*, Americans try to pretend it does not happen. In the most hideous weather they will casually embark on ambitious journeys to attend conventions, visit relatives, or for any of *the other purposes* which in any given time keep thousands of people on the move.

If their plans are thwarted by the weather, it never ceases to surprise them. Thus it was with confidence that a plane load of us flew from Kennedy Airport this week en route, for our different reasons, for Pittsburgh then Lexington, Kentucky.

In the bus to the airport there was talk of how beautiful the trees looked in the sub-freezing temperature, the twigs glistening in the sunshine as though sprayed with silver paint. Nobody thought to wonder what it meant for our schedules.

The weather forecast had warned us quite unequivocally that a heavy snowstorm was coming in the centre of the country. Sure enough, as we landed at Pittsburgh, snow was already beginning to dust the airport runway.

New passengers had boarded and we were stealing back for takeoff when an airline official came aboard to tell us we were not going anywhere. There was a bad snowstorm at Lexington and the airport was closed. We all got off the plane and queued at the desk for alternative arrangements.

The airline dealt with us efficiently, booking us on a flight the next morning and giving us vouchers for a free bed, plus six dollars towards our dinner at the Hilton Inn, near the airport. I asked the ticket clerk whether such things happened often. "About twice a week at this time of the year", he confided. "That's why we know how to deal with you so quickly."

At the Hilton they were used to it, too, for keys and registration forms were waiting us, with the word "Distress" written on the forms. That was an unfair description of the passengers, who were mostly taking it in their stride. It was more applicable to the registration clerk, who was a bit overwhelmed

Six dollars was rather less than the price of a 9oz steak at the Hilton's Butcher Block restaurant (larger ones were 75c for each extra ounce). The steak was fine and the restaurant crowded as more and more thwarted and distressed passengers streamed in from the airport.

I have often wondered who stays at airport hotels and now believe that much of their custom is from people supposed to be somewhere else. If it seems unlikely that an institution should base its economy on miscarried plans, reflect that if our journey to Lexington had been completed the hotel would have had nearly 100 empty rooms.

In my room, I watched the news on television with on-the-spot reports of snow falling in the middle of Pittsburgh, and how many dozen ploughs were *out trying to keep the streets* clear. Kentucky was said to be one of the worst affected areas.

Next morning I telephoned the airlines to learn that Lexington was still closed, so I switched to a flight to Charleston, West Virginia, which was almost as close to the Kentucky coalfields which were my ultimate destination. It was a commuter flight in a 12-seater and I sat just behind the pilot.

The weather was worsening,



and I asked the pilot nervously whether the small plane coped better in such conditions than full-size ones. He was noncommittal, vouchsafing only that they could get away from the gates faster. The de-icing cloud was sprayed over the wings and propellers and we were away.

I could not see anything except thick white cloud, but the pilot seemed happy enough until we neared Morgantown, the first stop. He radioed the airfield urgently, complaining he could not find the runway. There had been a fresh fall of *snow since the plough had* been on it. But he located it in the end.

He then had doubts as to whether he should attempt to leave for Charleston, where the weather reports were bad. But by now it had become a personal challenge for him to get the eight remaining passengers to our destination. After another de-icing we were up again.

Approaching Charleston, the pilot told us that the conditions were even worse. That visibility was just about the minimum permissible. "We are going to attempt an approach", he announced in a thrilling voice as if he were launching a raid on a well-defended enemy dam. "Make sure your seat belts are properly fastened."

To soothe my nerves, I grabbed a copy of the magazine in the rack in front of me, turning to a lyrical article about winter. It read:

"Starring in the hundreds of frosty scenes in this melodrama are winter's veteran actors, wind and cold. They play roles that will tingle your toes *and turn your breath to frost.*" I felt no better.

We were the last plane to land at Charleston before it closed for a few hours, but then the difficulty was to get the 150 miles or so to my ultimate destination. Since I was not going to return to Charleston, Avis said they had only one car they could rent me and it had no snow tyres or chains.

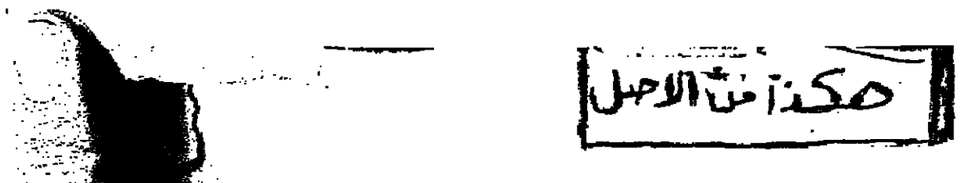
The snow was turning to rain and the temperature was slightly above freezing, so there was not much ice, just slush and compacted snow on roads the ploughs had not reached. It says much for the *authorities in West Virginia* and Kentucky that they had ploughed all but about 40 miles of my route, including some mountain tracks with hairpin bends which would have been dangerous at the best of times.

The *car radio, warning* drivers against any travel in the area, overstated danger. Radio stations d[evoted] themselves to reading li[sts of] schools and offices which closed because of the w[eather] *and of functions* which been cancelled. Weightwa[tching] classes were especially hit.

Setting aside the hazar[ds] was a spectacular drive. of it was through the hill villages of coal country I expect, looks as grim British counterpart whit[e] camouflaged beneath gle[aming] snow.

To my surprise, I re[ached] my destination in about hours and underwent col[d] *really worrying skids.* neared the Mayo Trail (free coffee and doughnu[ts] guests) where I had a booked, the weather be[gan] milder and I relaxed.

I passed a sign decl[aring] *that God makes housecall*[s] another announcing that getting near the Dairy Q[ueen] home of the smashburge[r] the motel, they had finished clearing the from the parking area. It not take long for Main S[treet] USA, to get back in busine[ss].



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THE LIBERALS SET THEIR COURSE

Mr Steel's crushing victory at the Liberal special assembly has assured him of the right to determine the party's strategy in the election whenever it may come. There is no doubt what that strategy will be. The Liberals will seek to hold the balance of power between the main parties with the claim that only they can exercise a moderating influence. If either of the main parties has a majority on its own, the argument will be, then its extremists will become the dominating force. Only the Liberals, it will be maintained, can save the country from a left-wing Labour or a right-wing Tory government. To substantiate that claim it will be pointed out time and again how much more acceptable Labour rule has been since the Government was forced to conclude the Lib-Lab pact last March.

Whether this strategy will have much electoral appeal is a very open question. It has not done the party much good at by-elections up to now. The special assembly, which was surprisingly well attended, may have given the impression of a party that is lively and vigorous in its internal proceedings, but its public standing is low. There is no evidence of a surge of support developing that would take the party back to the position it held in 1974, and if it loses a number of seats its prospects of holding the balance of power will be negligible. Mr Steel's approach may be too subtle to go down well on the hustings. But at least it is a coherent strategy and the party will stand a better chance if it unites in pursuing it vigorously rather than going off in a number of different directions.

Had the assembly voted to end the pact immediately this strategy would have been destroyed for a number of reasons. Such a decision would have been interpreted as a vote against partnership with other parties. Liberals were understandably upset by the sizable number of Labour MPs who voted last month against proportional representation for the European Parliament, but this is not an issue that sets the country alight. So if the Liberals had decided in Blackpool to pull out of the pact right away this would have been seen not as an appropriate reaction on a major issue but as a victory for those who had never liked the agreement with the Government anyway.

If withdrawal from the pact had forced an immediate election, as it might have done, then the Liberals would have had to fight it explaining not how they would be prepared to cooperate with others in the future—which is the essence of the balance of power strategy—but why they had been unable to continue doing so now. If their withdrawal had not brought about an early election, and the Government had been able to keep on a moderate course with growing public approval, then the Liberals would have had an even harder job to show that it was only their influence that could make Labour rule acceptable.

As it was, the assembly voted to end the pact at Mr Steel's discretion. Neither the wording of the resolution nor the mood in the conference hall suggested that the delegates were voting to continue it indefinitely. Yet in the closing speech of the debate Mr Steel coolly chose to interpret the resolution as leaving that option. It said that the agreement would probably have served its purpose by the time the Finance Bill was enacted in the summer, and Mr Steel acknowledged that it was likely to end then. But he specifically referred to the possibility of renegotiating it for a further term. He would not find it easy to carry the party with him on that course, but having effectively hijacked the assembly this weekend he may well have sufficient freedom of manoeuvre to apply his strategy this side of an election. In any case, it is now probable that the election will be held with the pact either still in being or fresh in people's minds, having lapsed after a reasonable term without any violent rupture.

But if the Liberals are to lay a convincing claim to the balance of power they need to show that they are prepared to do a deal with the Conservatives as well as with Labour: otherwise they appear to be no more than Labour auxiliaries. It is the belief that that is precisely what the pact has made them that has done them so much electoral damage over the past year. It was not an impression that was removed at Blackpool: so often the agreement has been sold within the party by abusing Mrs Thatcher. The possibility of a deal with the Tories is contemplated, as it was by Mr Steel in a radio interview yesterday, but with such little enthusiasm as to suggest that impossibly high conditions would be set.

WHERE DOES SPAIN STOP?

The weekend in Spain was marked at one end of the kingdom by clashes between demonstrators and riot police in Pamplona, and at the other by an explosion outside a bank on the island of Tenerife. Both were a reminder that while the restoration of democracy has eased some of the tensions between Spaniards it had not solved the problem of who exactly is Spanish and who is not. Most of Spain's outlying regions believe themselves to be in some sense separate nations, and these two at least (the Basque country and the Canary Islands) contain small but violent minorities dedicated to achieving total political independence.

The Basque problem is the more serious in that the gunmen of ETA evidently still have the sympathy of at any rate a significant part of the population, at least when it comes to a head-on fight between them and the police, and this in spite of the fact that both the mainstream Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) and the president of the Basque government-in-exile have officially called on them to end the bloodshed. The PNV believes that the limited autonomy granted to the Basque country by the Government at the turn of the year represents at least an acceptable starting-point. But ETA has promised to continue its violence "until the repressive forces of the civil guard, the security police and the general police corps are withdrawn".

Unfortunately the experience of the past few years has given the population many reasons to share the view that these police forces, composed mainly of non-Basques, are indeed "repressive". An additional complication is that the province of Navarre, of which Pamplona is the capital, has not been included in the provisional grant of autonomy because in last year's general election it voted for Señor Suárez's centre party rather than for either of the main pro-autonomy parties—the PNV and the Socialists. The Basques regard Navarre as part of their historic homeland and would like Pamplona as their capital, but the majority of Navarre's inhabitants may not share that view.

There is talk of a provincial referendum on the issue, which certainly seems the only sensible way to settle it. The Government could also greatly increase the credibility of the police force by placing it under the control of the new general council of the Basque country. Neither measure would necessarily persuade the ETA to lay down its arms, but both would help to rob it of public sympathy, which is essential if it is to be defeated.

The Canary Islands Independence Movement (MPAIAC) does not enjoy any public sympathy to speak of. Most Canary Islanders feel a bit remote from Madrid and hope for a degree of local autonomy but none of the parties which won any significant support in the elections called for independence, even as a long-term aim. All the opposition parties support the Government's refusal to countenance any interference in the matter by the Organization of African Unity. Geographically it is true that the islands are closer to Africa than to Europe, and they were apparently once inhabited by people of African origin. Whatever crimes may have been committed against those people in past centuries, they are no longer around to quarrel with the islands' present inhabitants, who are ethnically and linguistically Spanish. Even the Polisario guerrillas from the neighbouring ex-Spanish Sahara, also based in Algiers, refuse to have anything to do with MPAIAC. By continuing to sponsor it Algeria is needlessly damaging her relations with Spain.

David Wood

Child's guide to Labour's EEC chaos

When government departments publish a complicated Bill they produce for journalists a child's guide, designed to cut a broad path through all the *draftsmen's* legalities to say in monosyllables what the new law of the land will be. Something of the sort is necessary if the outside public is to begin to understand what will lie behind the melodrama and confusion of daily reports throughout this week from the Labour Party's battle fronts, where the friends and foes of United Kingdom membership of the EEC are to slog it out toe to toe. So here to begin with, offered in a spirit of public service, is a child's guide to the week's domestic political headlines.

First, the week's programme of the Labour Government, the Parliamentary Labour Party, and Labour's national executive committee. Tomorrow the PLP will meet at the Commons to allow anti-EEC left-wingers and some others to try to stop the Government putting the European Assembly Elections Bill under a timetable and thereby steamroller it through the Commons virtually undiscussed. On Thursday Mr Michael Foot, as Leader of the House, though he is no friend of the Bill, will argue with the passion and righteousness he brings to every democratic issue that the guillotine motion must pass either because the Government is honour-bound to carry the Bill, because 13 Liberal votes hang on it, or because Leaders of the House grow tired of re-fighting old battles. Conservative and Liberal votes will be expected in the Government lobby to make good any missing Labour votes and assure the guillotine.

So far, so good. Under a guillotine the Bill can be on its way to the House of Lords and Royal Assent within a trice, and it will be possible to hold European direct elections, in which of course Mr Foot will continue to disbelieve, in May or June, 1979. Or so common sense might suggest. Yet that assumes too much. There has still been no decision by Labour's NEC after twice having the question on the agenda, to commit the Labour Party to taking part in the direct elections as the Cabinet, or so much as two thirds of the Cabinet, ask Parliament to authorize. Some of Mr Foot's left-wing friends in the NEC want either United Kingdom withdrawal from the Community or the clear assertion of Westminster sovereignty over the European Parliament, and they have persistently blocked any attempt to settle for Labour participation in direct elections.

But on Wednesday at Transport House, for the third time of asking, the NEC will find on its agenda a proposal that the decision be formally taken to join in direct elections, and thereby allow the party managers to start the procedure for choosing candidates and for organizing 79 newly mapped English, Scottish and Welsh constituencies. For though the Labour Government may propose direct elections and carry a Bill to make them practicable, Labour Party participation is constitutionally a decision in the keeping of the NEC, the guardian of two conference mandates that the Labour Party should not touch a directly-elected European Parliament with a barge pole, on the principle that if you touch pitch you will be marked for life.

The circumstances are therefore Gilbertian. If on Wednesday the NEC once again avoids a decision on European participation, preferring (as it may) a stand up now about the Bill's guillotining, then logically it will be allowing the Labour Government to carry legislation to ensure a Conservative walkover victory when direct elections come in 1979. That could scarcely be acceptable either to what is once again being called rather fancifully the natural party of government or, probably after domestic elections in the autumn, to the alternative governing party.

Certainly it makes no sense to Labour's two principal and seasoned party managers outside Westminster, Mr Hayward, the general secretary, and Mr Underhill, national agent, who made a reconnaissance of the European Parliament in Luxembourg last week and came out privately and publicly for an immediate decision to fight the direct elections.

Broadly Mr Hayward is anti-EEC and Mr Underhill pro-EEC, but they both have their jobs to do. Mr Hayward sticks by his original peacemaking proposal to the NEC that every Labour Party member, high and low, should be free to vote in his own way in the 1975 referendum, but after that the majority's decision of the people should be accepted by the whole Labour Party. Mr Hayward voted "no" and Mr Underhill "yes". Today they stand together for EEC participation.

That is not to say they have not still a string of important questions to ask, and they are questions that other parties in the direct election will have to consider. Mr Hayward, for instance, sees no sign of any study being made to provide a necessary link between members of the Westminster and European Parliaments when dual membership ends. He has no clear answer to the question on what manifesto Labour candidates would fight in European direct elections, except that it must be a British and not an international manifesto, and in Luxembourg discussions he upset some Labour MPs when he said that party manifestos from either the "pros" of the Labour Committee for Europe or the "antis" of Mr Douglas Jay's Safeguards Committee would alike be totally unacceptable. He first wants an objective pamphlet from the Secretariat of the European Parliament and the Commission to explain what the EEC is and does, and that would be distributed by Transport House to all party workers.

Mr Underhill sees no organizational problem in fulfilling the 1979 election date if the NEC decides on participation soon. He admits, though, that the Labour Party could not keep in being, between the quinquennial European elections, a separate party organization covering seven or eight independent Westminster seats and geared for local government and national elections. He recognizes also that European direct elections will in practice be fought by the main parties not on EEC issues but domestic political issues, and, like Mr Hayward, he doubts whether Westminster-type links of communication could be maintained by directly elected European MPs and their party headquarters or their constituencies.

The fact remains that there can be no beginning of an answer to such questions until the NEC first formally decides to commit the Labour Party to fighting the direct elections a Labour Government is legislating for. But at all times, in spite of the evidence, ears should not be closed to Labour's protest that it is the Opposition who carry responsibility for delaying direct elections. A second child's guide would be needed to explain how that proposition is arrived at.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Control of V & A Museum

From Mr Cyril Cooper and others

Sir, As representatives of the staff referred to in the letter of Lords Gibson and Goodman (January 19), we write to say that within our certain knowledge, the staff of the Victoria & Albert and Science Museums are not dispirited by their historic position in the Department of Education and Science.

They are disappointed and angry that they were discriminated against in the application of cuts in the Civil Service as a whole, and they were shocked, especially in the Victoria & Albert Museum, at the method adopted by the local management to meet the required reduction. Indeed, the staff suggested alternative methods of meeting these cuts that would have enabled the Victoria & Albert Museum to remain open six and a half days a week. These proposals were rejected by local management.

On the other hand our members are by no means convinced that the answer lies in increased autonomy for local management, with or without the supervision of appointed Trustees. There are many questions to be asked and answered, many assurances to be given and improvements in conditions of service to be granted, before the staff will share the enthusiasm of your correspondents for devolution.

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL COOPER, Institution of Professional Civil Servants.
NORMAN ELLIS, Association of First Division Civil Servants.
JOHN SHELDON, Civil Service Union,
Northumberland Street, WC2.
January 20.

From the President of the Royal Academy

Sir, Eager as always to poke my nose into other people's business, I would be interested to know what possible reason exists for *not* letting the Victoria & Albert Museum join its colleagues in Trustee-land, as is so sensibly suggested in your columns (January 19) by Lords Goodman and Gibson.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH CASSON,
Royal Academy of Arts,
Piccadilly, W1.
January 20.

From the Chairman of the National Art-Collections Fund

Sir, This year the National Art-Collections Fund is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. During the Fund's existence the Victoria and Albert Museum has acquired over 2,000 objects, which have either been purchased with our aid, or presented through us by our supporters. The number of items would be far greater if I had not counted a "collection" as scoring only one, when the number of items in it was unspecified.

The NACF is very proud of having helped the Museum to build up its collections, particularly its sculpture collection in which, to take only Italy, some of the greatest works by Pisano, Donatello, Agostino di Duccio, Mino da Fiesole, Sansovino, Giovanni Bologna, Algardi, Bernini, Brustolon, and Canova, have been acquired with grants from the Fund.

I have read with increasing concern of the difficulties of the V & A, and of the possibility that part of the Museum may have to be closed through shortage of staff. It will be a sorry day when the members of the NACF are unable to see the works of art that they have presented.

It seems tragic that at a time when there are more visitors to museums than ever before (21 million last year) that the V & A should be prevented, by the financial cuts imposed upon it, from taking the greatest possible advantage of this surge of interest in the arts.

The proposal put forward recently, and so strongly supported in your columns (January 19) by Lord Goodman and Lord Gibson, that the control of the Museum should be transferred to an independent body of Trustees appointed by the Government, offers a solution to the problem which will surely recommend itself to all those interested in the future of this great museum.

Yours faithfully,
BRINSLEY FORD, Chairman,
National Art-Collections Fund,
14 Wyndham Place, W1.
January 20.

Irish self determination

From Mr James Stevens Curl

Sir, Dr Bonar (*The Times*, January 17) states that the "island of Ireland has historically been one nation." It would be interesting to know the sources for his statement.

The facts are that the great topographical variety of Ireland has encouraged different groups to exist on the same island, so that historically, political fragmentation, internecine war, and disorder were the realities. The remote Glens of Antrim, for example, had more cultural and commercial contacts with the Western Isles of Scotland than with the rest of Ireland, and were for a time part of Dalriada politically, probably because the main form of travel was *by sea*. This cultural connexion is proved by archaeological facts and by what we know of the survival of a Gaelic in the nineteenth century that was more akin to the language of Islay than to the tongues of the West.

Other areas in Ireland were similarly remote from a concept of a united nation. The subdivision of Ireland, culturally, politically, and factually, owes more to geography and physical realities than to the English Crown. However, in Ireland, myth is more important than history, and the romantic glow of a unity in Ireland derives from eighteenth century Jacobinism and Celtic gloom rather than from the battered truths of real, hard, and unromantic facts.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
JAMES STEVENS CURL,
Cheapside Farm,
Harpenden Road,
St Albans,
Hertfordshire.

The Churches and racial issues

From Miss Pauline M. Webb and Mr Jeremy Hawthorn

Sir, To anyone aware of the increasing attention being given by Christians to racial issues, Ronald Butt's article (*The Times*, January 19) on immigration and the churches' response to racism must rank among the less informed criticisms of their activities.

The Catholic Commission for Racial Justice is quite capable of defending itself against the accusation of disseminating left wing propaganda rather than Catholicism, but even an outsider can see the affront to the integrity of the bishops whom they advise. If Cardinal Hume is being influenced by their views, it is a serious matter to insinuate that this is not due to their theological merit.

Other church bodies are also covered by this blanket attack on "race relations missionaries", and the Bishop of Truro's wise moderation is preferred to the impatience of those more active in the field. To this it must be said very simply that these more articulate campaigners are *only* communicating some of the frustrations that exist among immigrant communities. It is not a case of stirring up trouble in a "calm nation", but rather of representing the view of British society held by many of its poorest members.

But more than this, there is an overriding desire to present without compromise the challenge of the Gospel to our way of life, and to work for a society in which people of different races are accepted as part of the human family. When Christians become concerned for the insecurity caused by the immigration laws and other aspects of racial discrimination, it is quite insensitive to dismiss them as mere agitators.

The Bishop of Liverpool introduced a pamphlet of the British Council of Churches on race relations with the admonition that the sense of national unity we long for lies on the far side of tackling this issue. One cannot but feel that Ronald Butt would be the one to benefit from the retreat and self examination that he so warmly recommends to those who share this opinion.

Yours sincerely,
PAULINE M. WEBB, Chairman,
JEREMY HAWTHORN,
Community and Race Relations Unit,
2 Eaton Gate, SW1.
January 20.

From Mrs Cynthia Bunten, and others

Sir, We are sorry that Ronald Butt in his article today (January 19) disagrees so fundamentally with our statement on the Judge McKinnon affair, dismissing the Commission as a "pseudo-religious" body and our views as "nothing to do with Catholicism" and "simply left wing propaganda". The Catholic Commission for Racial Justice advises the Catholic hierarchy, makes representations to the Government and others, and informs the Catholic Church on race and community relations. Its aim is to promote racial justice for ethnic minorities and inter-racial understanding.

Anyone who is in touch with the feelings of the black community knows how greatly Judge McKinnon's remarks shook their confidence in the British legal system. What seems to us remarkable about the statements made by McKinnon and subsequently by Ronald Butt and Norman St John-Stevas, is their apparent ignorance of the feelings of black communities in this country. It is the complacency of such people, who turn a blind eye to the injustices suffered by minority groups, that "exacerbates discontent in the immigrant community", not those who speak up on their behalf, as Ronald Butt contends.

It is a sorry day for Britain when a statement articulating the fears of black people is labelled "simply left wing propaganda". Perhaps Mr Butt and Mr St John-Stevas could explain when standing up for racial justice ceased to be the responsibility of all Christians, and became a question of propaganda by either left or right. "The Church rejects as foreign to the mind of Christ any discrimination against men or harassment of them because of their race, colour, condition of life or religion" (Vatican II).

Yours faithfully,
CYNTHIA BUNTEN,
ALEX COSGRAVE,
BARBARA KENTISH,
MARGARET PITT,
National Front Working Party of the Catholic Commission for Racial Justice,
1 Cambridge Terrace, NW1.
January 19.

From Mr John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest (Conservative)

Sir, Mr Ronald Butt (January 19) has done Catholics a service in drawing attention to the unbalanced, often politically left wing, advice tendered by the Catholic Commission for "Racial Justice". I would also cite its counterpart for Justice and Peace, the Catholic Institute for International Relations and *Pax Christi* with its demos against Royal Naval bases.

They speak for themselves, not for Catholics as a whole, but they expect Catholics as a whole to pay for their activities through church collections at a time of financial crisis notably in Cardinal Hume's Archdiocese. The Hierarchy not only permits this but gives them patronage. Pleas for justice are politely ignored.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON,
House of Commons.
January 19.

From Mrs Katharine Thwaites

Sir, Mr Ronald Butt's timely article (January 19) on the dangers of listening to the left draws attention to a most dangerous weapon and one in which the left largely deals; that of high minded waffle. The technique is to frame the argument in such a way as to make it difficult for an ingenuous person to refute it without appearing as in some sense uncharitable.

By this means church leaders, among others, can be inveigled into condemning practically anything, provided it has been cleverly manoeuvred into a box marked "racism"; because not to do so would be to imply that they are in favour of racism. Thus if a judge is said, however absurdly, to have "shown quite clearly that his sympathies are not with the immigrant communities" it is difficult to defend him without risk of being tarred with the same brush.

Those who concentrate on personal abuse often do so because positive evidence is in short supply. It is therefore necessary to recognize that we are not called upon to judge other people's motives and attitudes, about which we cannot in any case be certain, but their actions in so far as they are unjust and their words in so far as they are untrue.

Perhaps also it would be wise to attend to the injustice of man to man rather than allowing ourselves to be brainwashed into thinking especially in terms of injustice between two particular kinds of men—viz the black kind and the white kind. Indeed there is a danger of some of us becoming so conditioned to see things in black and white that we are quite unable to see red.

Yours faithfully,
KATHARINE THWAITES,
The Old House,
Westfield College,
Hampstead, NW3.
January 19.

Spina bifida children

From Dr R. W. Reid

Sir, In his letter of January 12 Sir John Peel leads himself to the conclusion that where delicate decisions have to be made which concern the individual, too much public debate makes matters more confused. But how does Sir John believe that those making these delicate decisions should acquire the information on which to base their judgments?

The major decisions affecting the life of a spina bifida child must be made by the parents, sometimes in the period shortly after the birth of their baby. In some cases, after a brief discussion with a consultant, serious conclusions are reached within hours of the birth, when the mother is still suffering from the trauma of the delivery and the father has missed a night's sleep. In these shocked conditions neither parent is capable of arriving at rational decisions.

The best time for most people to consider medical and moral matters of this nature is of course before personal involvement complicates the issue. But since the medical profession's main function is to treat rather than inform the public, the task of passing on medical information falls chiefly to the press, radio and television.

However, whenever the media deal with difficult and contentious issues—such as whether or not to treat a new born spina bifida child—it is now almost inevitable that, wherever the medical matter, senior members of the profession in the columns of their learned journals and elsewhere suggest that the subject has been mishandled and that there are certain important matters touching on both medicine and ethics which cannot properly be dealt with except in esoteric medical circles.

How often is the cry heard that an article or a programme, even though factually correct, will do more harm than good? And how often is it written (in the correspondence columns of your paper for example) that controversial research, diagnosis and treatment which has not been exhaustively assessed by the medical profession should not be placed before the lay public because it might raise false hopes?

Sadly, it is attitudes like these which preserve ignorance. Medicine, of all sciences, is very easily expressed in lay language and the lay public, whatever that is, is actually rather good at making its own judgments. The medical criteria such as those used to determine whether or not to treat a spina bifida child, can easily be made understandable by non-medics. However, until the small but influential caucus of the medical profession, however well intentioned, stops mistrusting the ability of the public to understand certain issues, then that public never will find itself in a position to contribute to medico-ethical judgments—which are its proper concern.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT REID,
22 Colet Gardens, W14.
January 12.

Changing how we vote

From Canon G. R. Sansbury

Sir, It was ironical that a letter from Sir Anthony Bowlby and others (January 17) distinguished in industrial relations, arguing that elsewhere in Europe proportional representation prevented polarisation in society and led to better relations between both sides of industry, should have appeared alongside a leading article entitled "Dead end in Italy". The causes of Italy's weakness may be complex but the system of election cannot be altogether ruled out. The leader gives convincing evidence of the usual deficiencies of proportional representation to which its critics point; weak coalitions when you speak of the failure of a six party agreement, and inability to act in your reference to Italy's need for a government to "make swift and firm decisions". Your correspondent from Rome states that this is the 39th Italian government since the fall of Fascism.

Is there convincing evidence that industrial relations are better in Italy? I have heard of a service in Rome which gives a phone number to ring if you wish to find out who is on strike at the moment.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM SANSBURY,
5 Rock House Gardens,
Radcliffe Road,
Stamford,
Lincolnshire.
January 18.

Inducements to confess

From Mr E. C. Woodcock

Sir, It is clearly right that the law should not allow evidence to be given of confessions which are shown to have been induced by the promise of advantage to the defendant and which may therefore be false.

That this excellent principle is in danger of descending into absurdity is surely illustrated by your report of the trial at Sharey-brook Crown Court on January 17 in which a confession was ruled inadmissible after a social worker in the presence of the interrogating officer had said to the defendant "Do not admit something you have not done. But it is always the best policy to be honest. If you were at the house, tell the officers about it."

It would be wrong to draw general principles from the necessarily abbreviated newspaper report of this case in isolation but the learned judge in ruling against the confession was following (as he was no doubt obliged to) a growing line of authorities with a similar effect. Other examples of comments in the course of interrogation which have each caused a subsequent confession to be ruled inadmissible are: "You had better tell the truth." "I think it would be better if you made a statement and told me exactly what happened", "It might be better for you to tell the truth and not a lie" and "You had better tell the truth it may be better for you".

It would be helpful for an appeal court soon to look at the question of what should be regarded as an improper inducement. A possible starting point might be to ask whether it is indeed better for a person being asked questions by a police officer to tell the truth. If it is, surely it must be right to tell him so. If it is not, we are in trouble.

Yours faithfully,
E. C. WOODCOCK,
Chief Prosecuting Solicitor,
Constabulary Headquarters,
Chester.
January 18.

Putting a stop to hijacking

From Mr David L. Parris

Sir, Until now air travellers have run the risk of being held to ransom. When the British Government's plans for a security levy are implemented, everyone will be held to ransom.

It is accepted that the Government is responsible for the safety of its citizens on the ground. By virtue of what principle should this cease to be the case in the air? Surely hijacked air passengers are victims, and it is patently unjust to impose a further penalty. Air passengers can no more be said to *cause* kidnapping than the rich can be said to cause theft.

The prospect of the principle embodied in the security levy plan being extended is horrifying. For example, would we countenance the notion of residents in a high crime area being forced to pay protection money?

Yours truly,
DAVID L. PARRIS,
Trinity College,
University of Dublin,
Dublin.

Britain's 'lie factory'

From Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris

Sir, I read with interest that Father Robert Graham is about to attack the methods we employed to bring about the downfall of an avowedly anti-Christian and atheistic regime during World War II—an objective whose desirability he would presumably endorse.

I wonder if he has paused to reflect whether he would have been so free to criticize the means had the aim not been achieved?

Yours, &c,
CHRISTOPHER FOXLEY-NORRIS,
Tumble Wood,
Northend Common,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.
January 19.

Licensing photocopying

From Mr Martyn Goff

Sir, The Master of Emmanuel College makes a very important point (January 16) when he highlights the dangers of reprography leading to non-publication of important monographs. There is another aspect of this problem. It is common with many people, much of my education was received accidentally, through looking at reference works. Wishing to consult a dictionary for one word, I learn three or four others in the process, advised to read one essay, I chance upon a second or third in the same book which greatly contributed to my knowledge and understanding of the subject.

In a public lecture George Steiner described how he went into a bookshop "for the book I didn't know I wanted". In the same sense students brought up on photostats of single items and articles will never benefit from the vast amount of tangential information and pleasure that comes from handling the whole book.

Yours faithfully,
MARTYN GOFF, Director,
The National Book League,
7 Albemarle Street, W1.
January 18.

Vicarial bounds

From Mr D. I. Carter

Sir, I see from *The Times* of January 14 that the appointment has been announced of the new Vicar of Upton Snodsbury with Broughton Hackett and Naunton Beauchamp and Grafton Flyford with North Piddle and Flyford Flavell.

Is this, Sir, a record?

Yours faithfully,
D. I. CARTER,
40 chemin des Coudriers,
1209 Geneva,
Switzerland.
January 16.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 21: The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by the Hon Lord Cameron at the Memorial Service for Sir Hugh Robson which was held at St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, today.
January 22: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Church this morning.
The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

The Duke of Kent will dine with the senior officers of Surrey Constabulary at the constabulary headquarters on February 28.

The Duchess of Kent will attend a musical play in aid of the Order of Christian Unity at the Mermaid Theatre on February 16.

Birthdays today

Lord Denning, 79; the Hon Hugh Fraser, MP, 60; Air Commodore W. Godfrey, 71: Sir Arthur Lewis, 63; Sir James Lighthill; Judge J. F. Marnan, QC, 70; Mr Airey Neave, MP, 62; Lord Strathcarron, 54; Sir Austin Strutt, 75.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucester attends centenary dinner of National Federation of Building Trades Employers, Guildhall, 7.15.
BBC concert, St John's, Smith Square: Lindsay String Quartet, André Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, 1.
Holst birthplace museum, Clarence Road, Pittville, Cheltenham: *Holst personalia, 11.30-5.30.*
National Gallery, lecture: Paths from Impressionism, Vuillard and Bonnard, 1.
Windsor Castle state apartments, Queen Mary's dolls house: exhibition of drawings by Holbein, Leonardo da Vinci and others, 10.30-3.
Debate, motion: That there should *be an elected second House of* Parliament (against the motion, Bow Group), Sylvan Debating Club, Swedenborg House, 20/21 Bloomsbury Way, 6.30.
Slavonic manuscripts exhibition, British Library, 10-5.

Dinner

Kelly College
The Old Kelleian Club's annual dinner and annual general meeting was held at Quaglino's banqueting rooms on Saturday. The guest of honour and principal speaker was Air Marshal Sir Richard Wakeford, Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Intelligence) and an Old Kelleian. Other guests were Captain W. E. Warwick *(Old Conway Club)*, Mr Williams (Conway Trust), Mr J. D. Finchett, Mr P. F. Williams and Mr C. J. Kirwin. Mr D. W. Ball, Headmaster of Kelly College, was present as president of the Old Kelleian Club.

Service dinner

Essex Army Cadet Force
Officers of the Essex Army Cadet Force held their annual dinner at the County Training Centre at Colchester on Saturday. The County Commandant, Colonel J. H. L. Parker, presided. The Lord Lieutenant of Essex and Colonel Sir Arthur Noble were the principal guests and the Honorary Colonel, Colonel P. H. A. L. Franklin, was also present.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Louis Heren, deputy editor of *The Times*, to be responsible for home news, Mr Charles Douglas-Home *to be* foreign editor and Mr Brian MacArthur, home news editor, also to be home editor.

£50,000 winner

The weekly £50,000 Premium Savings Bond prize, announced on Saturday, was won by 1 VS 197088. The winner lives in Bedfordshire.
The 25 £1,000 winners are:

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7 FN 064525	13 VT 584273
3 HK 905626	6 XB 411278
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2 LK 507895	10 XS 514306
3 LN 672147	5 YB 033295
9 LK 964577	6 YS 231342
1 ML 661375	11 YZ 714035
2 MW 051666	5 ZP 706595
3 MB 402519	7 ZF 739685
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Poetry gift to the Bodleian

Oxford University has accepted a gift for the Bodleian Library of a notable collection of first and early *editions of the works of* Michael Drayton, the Elizabethan poet.
The gift was made by Dr B. E. Juel-Jensen, the university medical officer of health and a fellow of St Cross College, who is regarded as the leading bibliographer of Drayton.

Apprehension in week of prayer for unity

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs
Correspondent

This is the time of year when the Christian denominations of Britain make more than their usual efforts to be friendly towards one another, with churches throughout the land ringing with the sound of mutual praises and shared hopes. But the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year is marked by a certain apprehension.

In spite of all the joint services and the ecumenical optimism they generate, the church *unity movement is coming into* a stormy period. The ecumenical chessboard is now so complicated that only the experts really understand it, and it would not be surprising if ordinary church members felt they were being expected to participate in a game with secret rules. That leads to a sense of ennui, and if 1978 goes badly, the stage is set for a wave of reaction and cynicism.

This year will probably seal the fate of the present attempts to promote unity between the Church of England and the Free Churches. They have before them the 10 propositions of the *Churches' Unity Commission,* and by the end of 1978 it will be clear whether that particular piece of bridge building is to stand or fall.

If the Church of England can be persuaded to endorse the propositions, some form of eventual union with Methodism will be almost inevitable, and with the United Reformed Church (URC), highly likely. If it cannot, feeling in the Methodist community and particularly in its leadership will harden.

The talk is of the 10 propositions as the Church of England's last chance to reverse the humiliation inflicted by the rejection of the Anglican-Metho*dist scheme five years ago. It* is likely to be many years before the Free Churches are again willing to embark on such a risky exercise, and if they seek unity among themselves without the Anglicans such a united Free Church could well be selfsufficient, stable and selfconfident enough to stand its ground for generations.

Already the URC and the Methodists are so closely interwoven at the local level that the pressure for unity will be irresistible if the present project falls at the Anglican fence.

The Church of England, it is said in Free Church circles, has become infatuated with the illusory prospect of reunion with Rome and is in danger of preferring that illusion to the reality of Free Church readiness.

There is a suspicion, even, that the "Roman Dimension" will be used again, as it was at the time of the demise of the Anglican-Methodist scheme, as a pretext for rejection, the real reason being antinonconformist prejudice of a psychological rather than a theological kind.

There is no reason to suppose that the Roman Catholic Church's attitude to Anglicanism would change for the worse if the Church of England became formally linked, by way of the 10 propositions, with the Free Churches. Roman Catholic ecumenical experts have privately encouraged the churches in that direction; they did, after all, help to draft the propositions in the first place.

It is too fanciful to suppose that that is a Machiavellian trap to drive a permanent wedge between Rome and Canterbury in the interests of Roman Catholic exclusiveness and expansionism. The propositions are not a latter-day "Papal plot", though some *Anglicans sometimes talk* as if they feared they were.

On a sober assessment, a real breakthrough such as full mutual recognition and intercommunion between Rome and Canterbury is probably still a generation away. If the Church of England decides to ordain women in November it will be at least two generations away. Rome, which likes to think in centuries rather than months and years, is not likely to be discouraged by such a time scale.

In that perspective, immediate rapprochement between the Church of England and the *Free Churches can be seen as* part of the grand jigsaw of church unity, and there is therefore no conflict at present for the Church of England between the Roman and the Free Church directions.

The historic quarrels which led to the rise of nonconformity in England have all but spent their force, and any continuation of the split between Anglicanism and its dissenting offshoots will be understood from the Free Church side as intolerance.

Methodist leaders deride the common Anglican conviction that the Free Churches are all but finished and therefore must accept any terms for unity that are on offer if they are to survive.

Part of all that may be the unconscious preparation of psychological defences against another disappointment. The Free Churches are still totally committed to the idea that unity is God's will. They were originally a rejection of, or were originally rejected by, the Anglican ecclesiastical system of the time; and circumstances have changed so much that they no longer feel that their particular insights and traditions are threatened by the system as it now exists.

That being so, their objec*tions to participation in some* kind of a national church no longer arise, even one whose leaders are called bishops.

It is precisely that kind of thinking, sometimes described as vague good will, that causes most worry in the Church of England; the feeling that Free Church leaders do not really care about the structure and shape of the church as long as it does not interfere with their cherished practices.

It is not mere Establishment arrogance to wince when they feel they are being told, in effect: "Yes, yes; anything you say, if it pleases you. It does not really matter."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. R. V. Clarke and Miss V. C. Pike
The engagement is announced between Paul Robert Virgo, son of Mr and Mrs R. C. H. Clarke, of Stable Cottage, Sandhurst, Berkshire, and Vanessa Carol, daughter of Mr R. G. C. Hodgkinson, of Eastbourne, and the late Mrs A. P. Pike, of Glendarary, Christmas Common, Oxfordshire.

Mr M. P. Goodbody and Miss H. J. M. MacLeod
The engagement is announced between Manliffe Patrick, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs K. M. Goodbody, of Wynnstay Gardens, London, W8, and Heather Joyce MacDonald, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. M. MacLeod, of Stranraer, Wigtownshire.

Mr W. M. Green and Miss M.-A. Farrow
The engagement is announced between William Malcolm, elder son of Mrs Gail Green and the late Mr Alan Green, of Stoneleigh, near Coventry, and Mary-Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin W. Farrow, of Smisby, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr J. R. Huntingford and Miss D. J. Solomons
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Rodney Huntingford, of Rugby, Warwickshire, and Diana, daughter of Dr Bethel Solomons, of London, W1, and Mrs Gillian Hogg, of London, NW8.

Mr V. M. C. Schofield and Fraulein H. M. G. Hammesfahr
The engagement is announced between Vere, son of Mr and Mrs C. C. I. Schofield, of Poynatts Manor, Skirmett, near Henley-on-Thames, and Helgrid, daughter of Herrn and Frau Hammesfahr, of Hanover.

Mr N. S. Staley and Miss C.-A. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Nigel Stuart, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Staley, of Elkstone Court, Elkstone, Gloucestershire, and Catriona-Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Wilson, of The Coach House, Guildford, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr P. R. W. Blumer and Miss H. M. L. Watkin
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, between Mr Peter Blumer, second son of Mr John and Lady Mary Blumer, of 19 Queen's Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Miss Helen Watkin, daughter of Mrs M. L. Watkin, of 3 Thornton Hill, Wimbledon, SW19, and the late Mr F. A. Watkin. Father M. Beattie, SJ, officiated, assisted by the Rev J. K. Brownsell.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Paul Watkin, wore a gown of natural coloured Welsh wool trimmed with plaited amber velvet and a headdress of pearls and flowers on a plaited band. She carried a bouquet of amber roses and freesias. Lalage Watkin attended her and Mr Christopher Blumer was best man.

A reception was held at the Fisherman's Wharf, Wimbledon, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Captain A. C. Richards and Miss S. A. Spencer
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, between Captain Charles Richards, Welsh Guards, son of Mr and Mrs D. R. Richards, and Miss Serena Spencer, daughter of Major and Mrs Peter Spencer. The Rev R. T. J. K. Wood officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Hon Charles and Iain Hill-Trevor, Katherine Agnew and Victoria Hordern. Mr Richard Everard, brother of the bride, was best man. Warrant officers of the Welsh Guards provided a guard of honour.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya.

Mr J. D. Campbell Kerr and Mrs M. G. E. T. Aldridge-Warner
The marriage took place quietly on January 21 between Mr James Douglas Campbell Kerr, son of the late James Kerr and Mrs Violet Campbell Kerr, Englefield Green, and Mrs Marye Gabrielle Elizabeth Thérèse Aldridge-Warner, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Peter La Trobe Cockcraft, Kiln Gardens, Hartley Wintney.

Mr C. H. W. Robson and Mrs S. M. Gibbs
The marriage took place on January 21 between Mr Hugo Robson and Mrs Susan Gibbs, of 41 Ovington Square, London, SW3.

Belgian painting of cardplayers fetches £23,960

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A sale of nineteenth-century European paintings at Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Saturday was outstandingly successful, producing £534,375 with only five minor pictures, or 2 per cent, unsold. The total was about 70 per cent above pre-sale estimates.

The auction was devoted to mainline nineteenth-century painters, including salon and academic artists and excluding the fashionable avant garde. That type of picture tends nowadays to be bought back by dealers or collectors in the artist's country of origin, or else to be snapped up by beginners in the collecting world because of their simple, decorative qualities.

Belgian paintings produced some of the highest prices. The top was $46,000 (estimate $8,000 to $10,000) or £23,960 for a group of cardplayers in eighteenth-century dress by Gerard Portielje, dated 1896.

One of Petrus van Schendel's many candlelit market scenes, dated 1871, brought $30,000 (estimate $7,000 to $10,000) or £15,677. A painting of a peasant family in an interior, entitled "Father's Blessing", by Ferdinand de Braekeleer made $23,000 (estimate $5,000 to $7,000) or £11,980.

Latest wills

Mr Leonard Joseph Blumenthal, of St John's Wood, London, left £167,879 net. He left £50,000 for charitable purposes.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Poke, Mrs Charlotte Louise, of Wimbledon £807,403
Marlborough, Gladys Marie Spencer-Churchill, Duchess of, of Northampton, intestate £237,243
Bailey, Miss Leah Annie Alice, of Boscombe, Dorset .. £199,464
Barton, Mrs Ada, of Knutsford, Cheshire £196,368
Glover, Mrs Doris Lingard, of Harrogate £146,922

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Debate on agriculture. Motion to take note of developments in the EEC civil aircraft sector.
Tomorrow and Wednesday at 2.30: Further progress in committee on Scotland Bill.
Thursday at 2.30: Consideration of a timetable motion on the European Assembly Elections Bill. Debates on the size of Hansard, broadcasting of proceedings of the House, and on computer-based indexing in the library.
Friday at 11: Private Members' Bills: Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill, Consumer Safety Bill, Urban Parishes Bill, all second readings.

Select committees
Today: Expenditure: Education, Arts *and Home Office sub-committee.* Subject: Administration of Prison Service. Witnesses: National Association of Prison Visitors. Room 16, 4.15 pm.
Tomorrow: Expenditure: Trade and Industry sub committee. Subject: Fishing Industry. Witnesses: Officials MAFF, DAFS, and FCO. Room 16, 10.15 am.
Nationalized Industries: Sub committee A. Subject: British Airways Report and Accounts. Witnesses: British Airways. Room 8, 4 pm.
Expenditure: Defence and External *Affairs Subject: sub committee.* Subject: CPRS Review of Overseas Representation. Witness: Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. Room 16, 4.15 pm.
Wednesday: Science and Technology: General Purposes sub committee. Subject: Efficiency and durability of filament and discharge lamps. Witnesses: Professor S. Prais, NIESR Mr I. D. M. Meiklejohn. Room 16, 10.30 am.
Nationalized Industries: Sub committee C. Subject: Bank of England Report and Accounts. Witnesses: Bank of England. Room 8, 4 pm.
Overseas development. Subject: Renegotiation of the Lomé Convention Witness: Minister for Overseas Development. Room 6, 4.15 pm.
Expenditure: Social Services and Employment sub committee. Subject: Employment and Training. Witnesses: Manpower Services Commission. Room 12, 4.30 pm.
European Legislation Etc: Subject: Agriculture Price Review 1978/79. Witness: Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Room 15, 4.30 pm.

House of Lords
Tomorrow at 2.30: Medical Bill, report stage. Motion on Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) (Amendment) Order. Debate on report from EEC committee on equality of treatment for men and women in matters of social security.
Wednesday at 2.30: Debates on forthcoming international conference on tanker safety and pollution prevention; contribution made to the economy by tourism; and on child minders and foster parents.
Thursday at 3: Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill (Consolidation), committee. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill (Consolidation), committee. Gun Barrel Proof Bill, report. Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Amendment) Bill, second reading. Debate on the press in the light of the recommendations of the royal commission.

Parliamentary diary

House of Commons
Jan 16: Statements on British Steel Corporation and Prime Minister's visit to Indian sub-continent and to Egypt. Civil Aviation Bill and Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill, read a second time. Adjournment debate about aid to Mozambique. House adjourned, 12.11 am (Tuesday).
Jan 17: Local Government (Scotland) Bill read a first time. Motorway Noise (Insulation) Bill read a first time. Further progress in committee on Scotland Bill. Adjournment debate about *Paul Bramwell who was killed in an* accident in a quarry. House adjourned, 11.32 pm.
Jan 18: Statement on Somalia's request for arms. Leave to introduce Picketing (Registration and Control) Bill granted by 187 votes to 181, and Bill read a first time. Further progress in committee on Scotland Bill. Debate on EEC Documents on Jurisdiction and Judgments Convention. Adjournment debate about proposed closure Seaham Hall Hospital. House adjourned, 12.34 am (Thursday).
Jan 19: Statement on European Community Fisheries Ministers meeting. Opposition motion on Transport Bill rejected by 185 votes to 153 and the Bill read a second time. Participation Agreements Bill passed the remaining stages. Adjournment debate about Metropolitan Police. House adjourned, 11.5 pm.
Jan 20: Employment Protection Bill read a second time by 236 votes to 242. Draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1977; Tobacco Products (Cigarettes and Cigars) Order 1977 and draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1977 agreed to. Adjournment debate about Nottinghamshire coal mine production and productivity. House adjourned, 4.45 pm.

House of Lords
Jan 17: Lieutenant-General Sir David House called in as the new Black Rod. Tributes to former Black Rod, Sir Frank Twiss. Tributes to Earl St Aldwyn on his retirement as Opposition Chief Whip. Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill, and Suppression of Terrorism Bill both read a first time. Refuse (Disposal) Bill (Consolidation) read a second time. Local Government (Scotland) Bill, read the third time and passed. Theft Bill and State Immunity Bill both read a second time. House adjourned, 6.30 pm.
Jan 18: Debate on Wolfenden report on the future of voluntary bodies. House adjourned, 7.30 pm.
Jan 19: Statement on EEC fisheries ministers' meeting. Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill, read a second time. Education (Northern Ireland) Bill, passed the committee stage. House adjourned, 6.3 pm.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

SURGEON CAPTAIN: L. C. Banks, MOD as Deputy Director of Medical Policy and Plans, Jan 24.
COMMANDERS: W. M. Logan, Repulse and Ocelot in Cmd and Snr Offr SM Refitting Grp Rosyth, Jan 18; I. D. MacKenzie, Hardy in Cmd, Jan 14; R. S. Stenlake, Staff of AFNORTH as SOO, Sept 4; R. N. Buckley, MOD with DNOT, May 30; R. G. D. Williams, MOD with DNMO, in FMSTS, Aug 29; J. T. Rawlins, Retd List, Feb 28.
SURGEON COMMANDER: D. S. Wright, MOD(N), with MDG(N) as DHR(N), Sept 4.

The Army

MAJOR-GENERALS: Brig J. D. F. Mostyn to be *DPS(A)*, MOD, Jan 27; Brig R. F. Richardson to be GOC Berlin (British Sector), Jan 24.
BRIGADIERS: A. W. Dennis to be Dep Comdt, Staff College Camberley, Jan 27; M. F. Reynolds to be DAG, HQ BAOR, Jan 35; G. B. Sinclair to be BGS (MO), MOD(A), Jan 28.
COLONELS: E. Coulthard appld DDDS, HQ UKLF, Jan 23; W. O'C. Fitzpatrick appld DDAH, HQ BAOR, Jan 23; J. W. C. Spackman to be Col ADP Chief Analyst, SHAPE, Jan 28.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: A. I. H. Fyfe, LI, appld GSO1, Nigerian Army Staff College, Jan 23; J. V. Grieve, QARANC, to be Dep Comdt and Chief Instr, QARANC Trg Centre, Jan 26; *F. A. Lewis, RCT, appld GSO1,* Nigerian Army Staff College, Jan 20; D. R. Walters, RTR, to be GSO1, MOD, Jan 26.
RETIREMENT: Maj-Gen P. J. O'B. Minogue, Jan 39; Brig C. S. F. Carroll, Jan 30.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: T. P. White to MOD as Director of Engineering and Supply Policy 1 (RAF), January 28.
GROUP CAPTAIN (acting Air Commodore): J. A. A. Parker to West *Byfleet as Deputy Director (Military)* Defence Operational Analysis Establishment, January 28.
GROUP CAPTAINS: E. Kinder to RAF Hereford as Stn Cdr, January 25; B. Huxley to MOD as DD Air Plans 2 (RAF), January 27.
WING COMMANDERS (acting Group Captains): R. C. Allerton to MOD as DDESP 10 (RAF), January 25; P. J. A. Chislett to MOD as DD UKADET (RAF), January 27.
WING COMMANDERS: M. J. S. Norman to MOD as AD Stan (RAF), January 20; G. C. Gayton to MOD (PE) as AGWT5, January 23; M. W. J. Pierson to C in C EASTLANT as Plans 1, January 23; R. A. F. Wilson to MOD as Air Plans 3 (RAF), January 23; J. H. Carter to RAF Luqa as OC Ops, January 25; M. J. Methorell to Bracknell as DS, January 25; A. M. Chandler to MOD as Air Plans 1 (RAF), January 27; R. M. Watson to MOD as A D EST POL (RAF), January 27; A. D. Turner to RAF Wyton as OC Ops, January 28.
SQUADRON LEADERS (acting Wing Commanders): K. J. Dearman to Gongu Bay as OC RAF Det, January 25; B. Sidebotham to LATCC (MR) as OC ATCRS Wg, January 27.

DENTAL
WING COMMANDER: J. C. Gray to RAF Cosford as SDO, January 12.

CHAPLAINS
WING COMMANDER: Rev R. N. Kenward to RAF Gutersloh as Stn Chap, January 24.
SQUADRON LEADER (acting Wing Commander): Rev R. C. Hubble to RAF Wildenrath as Stn Chap, January 16.

Memorial services

Professor Sir Hugh Robson
The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of Edinburgh University, was represented by Lord Cameron, the Chancellor's Assessor, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor Sir Hugh Robson held in the High Kirk of Edinburgh, St Giles' Cathedral, on Saturday. The Lord Provost of Edinburgh represented the City of Edinburgh. The Rev Hamish Smith, chaplain to the university, officiated and the lessons were read by the Rev Dr W. D. Shaw, Dean of the faculty of divinity, and Mr Keith Geddie, Senior President of the Students' Association. Mr Magnus Magnusson (rector of the university) gave an address. Among the large congregation were:

Lady Robson (widow), Dr Caroline Robson and Mrs Eleanor Allitt (daughters), Michael Robson (son), Joanna and Matthew Allitt (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs J. Robson, Dr and Mrs T. D. Robson, Mrs H. Price, Mr and Mrs C. M. Livingstone, Mr B. Livingstone, Miss C. Livingstone, Mr and Mrs C. D. Livingstone, Lieutenant C. Livingstone.

Viscount Younger of Leckie, the Rt Rev John and Mrs Gray, the Rt Rev A. I. M. Haggart, Lady Cameron, Lord Balerno, Lord Robertson, Lord Emslie, Lord and Lady Wheatley, Sir Derrick and Lady Dunlop, Sir Robin and Lady Philipson, Lieutenant-General Sir David and Lady Scott-Barrett, Professor Sir Andrew and Lady Kay, Professor Sir Arthur Tattage, Sir Michael and Lady Swann, Sir James and Lady Marjoribanks, Sir Fraser and Lady Noble, Sir Ian Springer, Sir Samuel Curran, Sir Robert and Lady Hunter, Sir Herbert and Lady Brechin, Sir John Croom, Sir Derman Christopherson, Sir Alec Morrison, Sir James Monteith Grant, Mr Frederick Dainton, Acting Principal Professor and Mrs E. S. Saul, Mrs M. Magnusson, Mr and Mrs S. Magnusson, Councillor and Mrs P. Wilson, Mr and Mrs A. M. Currie, Professor and Mrs H. Girdwood, Professor and Mrs Kilpatrick, Professor and Mrs R. F. Millan, Mr and Mrs G. H. Stewart, Miss M. P. Abbott, Dr and Mrs J. *McRae, Mr K. Rydon, Professor and* Mrs E. Samuel, Mr G. Arkieson, Professor and Mrs G. Burnett, Mrs J. B. McLaren, Mr Herrick Bunney, Mr F. McElhone, MP, and Mrs McElhone, Mr R. L. Johnson, Dr and Mrs N. Tobbie, Professor and Mrs G. Sims, Mr I. S. Beattie, Mr G. Caston, Mr C. Thomson, Vice-Admiral Cameron Rusby, Professor J. D. B. Mitchell, Mr F. Macintosh, Professor R. A. Smith, Miss K. Stephanoff, Group Captain D. R. Locke, Mr M. Rifkind, MP, Vice-Principal Professor and Mrs A. G. Mackie, Professor J. Greig, Professor F. D. Gunstone, Mr and Mrs J. B. Smith, Dr and Mrs R. F. Robertson.

Dr C. C. Butler, Mr J. Drever, Professor D. A. Shaw, Dr G. Templeman, Vice-Principal Professor and Mrs W. H. Walsh, Professor A. Taylor, Professor N. A. Furness, Professor H. Gwynne Jones, Mr A. A. Bath, Mr A. Burnett, Mr J. Crawford, Mr and Mrs T. B. Dobbs, Mr T. D. Hunter, Mr R. C. Griffiths, Mr and Mrs A. Fraser, Mr A. Fletcher, MP, Professor and Mrs D. C. Simpson, Dr J. T. Stamp, Professor E. A. V. Ebsworth, Mr D. Grant, Professor and Mrs I. G. Stewart, Professor J. Trainor, Mr J. R. G. Wright, Professor J. A. Blair, Professor S. R. Dennison, Professor C. Kemball, Dr and Mrs W. A. Thonnes, Professor A. W. Wilkinson, Dr J. McLelland, Miss C. L. Morgan, Mr A. Mitchell, Professor J. N. Mansbridge, Councillor Mrs N. Mansbridge, Professor and Mrs A. Williams, Mr R. M. Urquhart, Mr and Mrs J. P. H. MacKay, Professor and Mrs D. J. E. Knox, Mr W. F. Storrar, Professor W. A. C. Stewart, the Rev Dr D. Shaw, Professor I. W. Noble, Mr I. MacGregor, Professor T. Lee, Dr and Mrs A. J. Crosbie, Professor C. P. Brand, Mr A. M. Hamilton, Professor W. E. J. Farvis, Mr O. D. Edwards, Professor M. Bruce, Professor K. Leighton, Professor L. M. Campbell, Professor T. Constantine, Mr E. T. Morgan, Mr and Mrs R. M. Morgan, Mr A. L. Rennie, Dr R. T. Nealon, Mr G. Brown, Professor E. F. D. Roberts, Dr I. S. MacDonald, Mr and Mrs I. Shein, Mr J. M. Dinwiddie, Mr L. E. Ellis, Mr J. G. Duncan, Miss F. D. Mackenzie White, Mr and Mrs R. W. Young, Dr A. W. Wright, Mr B. H. Taylor and Dr T. C. Carter.

Professor E. M. Wilson
A memorial service for Professor Edward Meryon Wilson was held in Emmanuel College Chapel, Cambridge, on Saturday. The Dean, the Rev Don Cupitt, officiated assisted by the Rev P. E. Ursell. The Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Dr D. S. Brewer, who read the lesson, and Mr J. T. Boorman also took part in the service. Among those present were:

Dr and Mrs G. Wilson and Lord and Lady Wilson of High Wray (brothers and sisters-in-law), Miss C. Wilson, Miss A. Harris, Mr and Mrs G. Harris.

The Vice-Chancellor, Mrs D. S. Brewer, Sir Gordon and Lady Sutherland, Sir Frank and Lady Francis, Professor D. Whitelock, Professor C. C. Smith, Professor J. M. Thoday, Professor J. E. Flowes Williams, Professor L. J. Austin, Professor L. W. Forster, Professor P. A. M. Clemoes, Professor L. R. Lewitter, Professor M. G. Bradbrook, Professor J. E. Varey, Professor E. J. Kenney, Professor and Mrs L. C. Knights, Professor D. B. Scott, Professor W. Dixon, Professor A. Terry, Professor and Mrs I. A. Richards, Professor A. Watson, Professor R. A. Wisbey, Professor L. P. Harvey, Professor J. S. Cummins, Mr D. G. T. Williams (representing the Warden of *Keeble College, Oxford*), Mr N. J. Hancock, Dr A. W. Truman, Mr T. S. Wyatt, Mr F. J. Norton, Mr D. T. Jones, the Rev E. Garth Moore, Mr M. H. Black, Mr and Mrs J. L. Reddaway, Dr B. R. Webber, Dr W. W. Grave, Dr M. R. Morgan, Mr D. J. Hall, Mr D. Moir, Dr D. A. Livesey, Dr A. B. Cramp, Dr P. Adam, Mr E. R. Sands, Dr B. A. Thrush, Dr and Mrs D. H. M. Woollam, Dr F. H. Stubbings, Dr C. Wynne-Thomas, the Rev M. B. Dewey, the Rev P. Arnold, Dr A. I. Ward, Major-General E. F. Foxton, Dr P. F. Scott, Mrs L. J. *Close, Mr L. Bickley,* Mr A. R. Milburn, the Rev J. Owen, Dr P. Rees, Mr P. S. Bridge, Mr R. C. Latham, Dr C. McCabe, Mr J. Adams-Smith, Dr L. P. Johnson, Dr D. M. Wood, Mr and Mrs J. G. Collier, Dr J. La Teicher, Miss M. A. Wileman, Dr P. Boyd, Miss L. E. Ingamells, Mr A. Bremner, Dr and Mrs G. J. Walker, Dr J. R. Harvey, Mr F. R. Collison, Dr W. H. Plommer, Dr R. D. Gray, Mr J. Gage, Mr I. Benabu, Mr T. P. Waldron, Mr A. Fdkins, Mr A. J. Close, Dr R. J. Barnes, Mr K. Sr Pavlovitch, Dr R. McKitterick, Mr *D. J. McKitterick,* Mrs M. F. S. Bonrall, Mr A. F. Bonrall, Mr P. Kitson and Mr S. J. Papastavrou.

Rev Professor S. L. Greenslade
A memorial service for the Rev Professor Stanley Lawrence Greenslade was held in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday. The Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, the Very Rev Dr Henry Chadwick, officiated. The Principal of Hertford College read from Donne's sermons, the President of St John's College read the lesson and Dr Colin Roberts gave an address. The Bishop of Oxford pronounced the blessing. Oxford University was represented by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Canon J. D. Kelly, principal of St Edmund Hall, and the Pro-Proctors, and Christ Church by members of the chapter and the governing body. Among others present were:

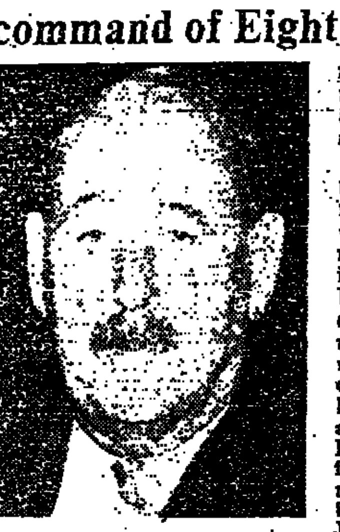
Mrs P. Greenslade (widow), Mr and Mrs Philip Greenslade (son and daughter-in-law), the Rev Edgar and Mrs Landen (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Kenneth Greenslade, Mr Timothy Greenslade and Miss Phillipa Greenslade (grandchildren), Mr Cyril Greenslade (brother), Mr and Mrs Leslie Greenslade (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs James Turk (brother-in-law and sister), Mr Jeremy Turk, Mr Richard Greenslade, and Mrs Josephine Greenslade.

Bishop G. F. Allen, Sir Roger and Lady Mynors, the Archdeacon of Oxford, the Warden of Keble College, the Warden of Greyfriars Hall, the Principal of Regent's Park College, the Principal of Wycliffe Hall, the Dean of Durham, the Rev Professor C. W. *Dugmore and Miss K. M. Whiteley* (representing the Journal of Ecclesiastical History), the Rev D. L. Poll (department of theology, Exeter University), the Rev E. R. Harding (Cambridge University theological faculty), Rev Professor Douglas Jones (Durham University), Professor Rosalind Hill (Ecclesiastical History Society), the Rev A. Harvey (Oxford College), the Rev W. L. R. Watson (St Peter's College), Sister Constancy and Sister Gillian (Community of St Mary the Virgin), Mr Derek Conran (Harper Society), Mr Lance Marshall (Royal *National College for the Blind*), Miss Joan Peterson (Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge), the Very Rev J. H. S. and Mrs Wild, Professor H. R. Trevor-Roper, Professor and Mrs Walter Ullmann, the Rev Professor George Caird, Professor D. Obolensky, the Rev Professor C. F. Evans, Professor and Mrs W. D. McHardy and Mr J. D. Mabbott.

OBITUARY

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR OLIVER LEESE

Eventful command of Eighth Army



Lieutenant-General Sir Oliver Leese, Bt, KCB, CBE, DSO, who died yesterday at the age of 83, was one of the most successful and most rapidly promoted of the younger officers who reached high command during the Second World War. At its outset and during the first six or seven months he was a GSO 1 at the Staff College, Quetta. In 1944 he was briefly commander of the Eighth Army. Later he was C-in-C Allied Land Forces, SE Asia.

Oliver William Hargreaves Leese, elder son of the Third Baronet, was born on October 27, 1894, and succeeded his father in 1937. He was educated at Ludgrove and Eton. In the First World War he received a commission in the *Coldstream Guards in 1915,* after nine months' service in the Special Reserve. In the course of the war he was three times wounded, awarded the DSO, and twice mentioned in despatches.

Leese was marked out from the early days of his career, in the view of his seniors and contemporaries, as likely to become an outstandingly efficient officer. From 1920 to 1922 he was adjutant of the Third Battalion the Coldstream Guards.

In 1922 he was appointed adjutant to the Eton OTC. In 1927 he went to the Staff College, Camberley. He was brigade major, 1st Guards Brigade, in 1929; DAA and QMG London District in 1932; and GSO 2 at the War Office in 1935. *In the following year* he took over command of the 1st Battalion of his regiment, *and in 1938* went out to India as instructor at Quetta with the rank of colonel.

In the course of the year 1940 he held no fewer than five appointments: that already mentioned in India, the command of the 20th Guards Brigade at home for about a month, Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the BEF until the *evacuation, the command of the* 29th Independent Brigade Group in England afterwards, and finally the command of a defence force known as the West Sussex Division. He was made a CBE for his services in France and the Low Countries.

In 1941 he was transferred to *the command of a field division,* the 15th (Scottish). He left that to form and train the Guards Armoured Division. In September 1942, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-General, he went out to the Middle East to take over command of the 30th Corps in the Eighth Army, *just in time for the Battle of El* Alamein. In this battle he distinguished himself, and the troops under his command were in the lead almost all the way across North Africa. They took part in the battles of the *Mareth line and fought their* way into Tunisia. In July, 1943, they landed in Sicily and penetrated along the eastern side of the island past Catania to Mount Etna and finally Messina.

At the end of December Lieutenant-General Leese was *selected to succeed General* Montgomery in command of the Eighth Army. It was from the psychological point of view a difficult situation for him, since he had not the qualities which made the name of his predecessor a household word among the troops and, indeed all over the world. He did, however, possess a strong personality in which tolerance was allied with strength, determination, and a keen sense of discipline, and as a commander he was soon to prove himself second to none. In the following spring the bulk of his forces were swiftly and *secretly* transferred from the Adriatic to the Tyrrhenian side of the Apennines to aid the Fifth Army in smashing the enemy's defences on the Cassino hills and the Garigliano.

The battle which followed was one of the few of which it can be said that it went entirely to plan, as Leese revealed in a letter home. It led to a heavy defeat of the enemy, followed by a swift advance to Rome and onwards to the Arno. The majority of the Eighth Army troops were then withdrawn eastward again across the Apennines to break the so-called Gothic Line and push on to Rimini and Ravenna. The army commander was promoted substantive lieutenant-general on July 31, 1944. He had received the companionship of the Bath for his service at El Alamein and been promoted KCB for North Africa and Sicily. In his battles in *Italy Polish troops had fought* under his command and that summer he received from the hands of General Sosnkowski, the Polish Commander-in-Chief, the highest Polish military award, the cross of *Virtuti Militari.*

Eventful as was Leese's command of the Eighth Army, it was destined to be short. He was transferred to the command of the 11th Army Group in the Far East, arriving at Kandy to take up his new post on November 12. He was fortunate in assuming it at a moment when complete ascendancy was passing into the hands of the British and their allies in Burma, but that he left his imprint on the later successful operations which resulted in the recapture of Mandalay, the final clearance of Northern Burma, and the strategic envelopment of a large Japanese force, there is little doubt.

A curious episode in Leese's career when he was C-in-C Allied Land Forces SE Asia is described in a book entitled *Slim, the Standard Bearer* by Mr Ronald Lewin which was published in 1976. In a chapter entitled "A little local disturbance" the author examines happenings which have the appearance of an attempt by Leese to sack General Slim, triumphant leader of the 14th Army, and replace him by General Christison. Leese denied any such motive though admitted that he had erred in his handling of certain matters which led to a misunderstand*ing of his motives.*

Some of the highest military figures, Alanbrooke, CIGS, and Lord Mountbatten, were involved and did not agree with Leese's suggested changes in the *command structure.* The outcome was swift; Slim remained with 14th Army and soon replaced Leese who came home to become GOC-in-C Eastern Command.

Leese retired from the Army in 1946. He took up many public duties in Shropshire and elsewhere and became well-known as a grower of cacti and other succulents. He had been Lieutenant of the Tower of London, president of the MCC, president of Warwickshire and Shropshire Cricket Clubs, president of the British Legion and a former chairman of the Old Etonian Association.

Leese was a big, powerful man, of vast physical energy, *who always retained something of the ebullience of the school*boy. His temper was high, but he was essentially just and considerate, making big demands on his troops in action but none the less careful of their comfort and welfare.

He married in 1933 Margaret *Alice, only daughter of* Cuthbert Leicester-Warren. She died in 1964. There were no children of the marriage.

MR HERBERT SUTCLIFFE

Mr Herbert Sutcliffe, one of the famous cricketers of his time, has died at the age of 83.

From Hirst, Rhodes and Jackson to Leyland and Hutton, Yorkshire has always provided England with cricketing backbone and at no time was the old saying, "When Yorkshire is *strong, England is strong"*, so true as when Herbert Sutcliffe stood, in the words of his autobiography, "... For England and Yorkshire". His playing career spanned almost exactly the period between the two world wars and by any standard his figures were massive. In all, *he scored over 50,000 runs,* including 149 centuries. His England caps were 54, though he was seldom seen to wear one, and, of his 16 Test hundreds, half were taken off Australian bowling. In each of 21 home seasons and on three tours he made his thousand *runs, a dozen times 2,000 and* three times 3,000. Four times he scored two hundreds in a match and twice four successive hundreds. His records flowed opulently like the bequests of a generous millionaire.

He was born on November 24, 1894, in Pudsey, the West Riding hometown of his predecessor John Tunnicliffe, and his eminent successor, Sir Leonard Hutton. In his teens he caught the eye of the Yorkshire authorities and had already made an appearance or two for the county's second eleven when the First World War *broke out. He enlisted in* The Sherwood Foresters and later was commissioned. In the first post-war season Yorkshire called on him at once and after an attractive innings in the first game against MCC at Lord's, he found himself in possession of his county's No 1 batting position. By the end of the summer he had established himself so firmly that he was named as one of Wisden's Cricketers of the Year.

Each season saw him steadily advancing and his first 2,000 runs came in 1922. Two years later his selection for England against South Africa marked the beginning of his long association with Sir Jack Hobbs, the most impressive and prolific partnership that English batting has known. Their first stand produced 136 runs, the second 268 and the third 72, and this initial success brought Sutcliffe an invitation to tour Australia *where, though the rubber was* lost, his personal performance was magnificent, producing four successive hundreds and a Test average of over 80.

With that gayest of good companions, Percy Holmes, he broke virtually every Yorkshire batting record. Their century partnerships numbered 69 for Yorkshire (74 in all) and their highest was the record-breaking 555, scored at Leyton in 1932 at a rate of 74 runs an hour. This was Sutcliffe's richest season, bringing him 3,336 runs and keeping him at the head of the first class averages, a place he had held in 1928 and 1931. His three-figure partnerships with Hobbs totalled 26, of which 15 were against Australia. The understanding which inspired their almost uncanny running



Sutcliffe in his heyday.

between wickets—daring, but safe—was foreshadowed in the days when Rhodes was Hobbs's prewar partner and was brought *to perfection with* Sutcliffe's intelligent cooperation. Of their combined exploits two at least are outstanding. In the fifth Test of 1926, with the rubber still undecided, England began their second innings 22 runs behind. In poor evening light Hobbs and Sutcliffe scored 49, but a thunderstorm in the night made the morning's pitch at *first dead-slow and then as the* sun came out, vilely treacherous. If either Hobbs or Sutcliffe had succumbed, England could have been out for a hundred. As it was, the pair batted valorously, adding 112 by lunchtime and after Hobbs had been *bowled for exactly 100,* Sutcliffe stayed till the last over of the day. His share was 161 and sharply rising deliveries had bruised him all over. Connoisseurs of his batting speak with even greater awe of his innings for Chapman's side of 1928-29 on a Melbourne "sticky dog".

In hideous conditions the two Englishmen fought their way to a total of 105, when Hobbs was out, and afterwards Sutcliffe went serenely on to take his individual score to 135, bringing England within sight of victory.

Sutcliffe's success sprang from his personal character, based on tenacious courage and unshakable concentration. In an age when bat dominated ball, he was among the giants; Hobbs, Hammond, Bradman and Woodfull at one end and Hutton, his own disciple, at the other. Though he fell short of the consummate artistry of Hobbs or the sheer brilliance of Hammond, he was a handsome batsman with an armoury of powerful on-side strokes and a defence that was a bowler's despair. He could score steadily or swiftly, as he judged the situation, and once, with Leyland, hit 102 off six overs against Essex.

As a mark of respect to his famous England first-wicket partner, Sutcliffe named his son, who was later to captain Yorkshire himself, William Herbert Hobbs. Sutcliffe's wife, Emily, died in 1974.

His appearance at the crease, from elegant buckskin boots to perfectly smoothed black hair, was as immaculate as his defence. His quiet voice masked a tremendous combativeness. Congratulated on his superb innings at the Oval in 1926, he replied softly: "Ah, Mr Warner, I love a dog fight". And after his equally valiant effort at Melbourne Sir Jack Hobbs *observed: "There was Herbert,* black and blue, and not a hair out of place". Under the harshest of stresses, he was unruffled and unruffable.

It was once said of Yorkshire's opening batsmen that, while Holmes looked as if he was off to the races, Sutcliffe had the air of an alderman about to lay a foundation stone. There was truth in the jest, for a characteristic innings by Sutcliffe formed the foundation of many a Yorkshire and England victory. Though he looked young all his playing life, he was England's "Old Imperturbable".

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, January 21, 1953

Eisenhower sworn in

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Jan 20.—General Eisenhower was sworn in this morning as the thirty-fourth President of the United States, without pomp but in the presence of representatives of all the 48 states of the Union, the ambassadors and ministers from all countries and peoples, and with the eyes and ears of the world turned on Washington. The ever-expanding responsibilities to which General Eisenhower dedicated himself and his country *in his solemn oath,* administered by the Chief Justice, was a recurring theme in his inaugural address, concentrated in memorable language on outlining the role of America as the leader of the free world's search for peace. As the new President delivered his address to the thousands gathered in silence on Capitol Hill there was no mistaking the purport of his words. He was talking not only to the 150 million Americans but to all the free peoples.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Julian de Lisle was christened John Julian Edward by the Rev Roger Gibbard at St Giles Church, Medbourne, on Sunday. The godparents are Brigadier Michael Carleton-Smith, Mr Ian Grant, Mrs John Sykes and Mrs Donogh McGillycuddy.

Science report

Pollution: Oil on birds

The damaging effects of crude oil spills at sea on sea birds are pitifully obvious in the number of severely oiled birds washed up after each incident. Even when the birds are carefully cleaned and returned to the sea they often do not survive, and American biologists now report in a recent issue of *Science* the more subtle ways in which crude oil, even in very small doses, can harm sea birds and possibly reduce their ability to survive.

Dr David Miller, Dr David Peakall and Dr William Kinter, of the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory on the coast of Maine, gave herring gull chicks a single dose of crude oil, much less than that which kills the birds outright, and then killed and examined them nine days later. The gulls dosed with oil had gained no weight although they apparently ate as well as normal gulls. They also seemed to be less able to regulate the salt balance of their blood, obviously important to sea birds, whose only *source of water is seawater.*

Normally marine birds get rid of excess salt through their nasal glands. That process seemed much less efficient in birds treated with oil and, apparently to try to compensate, the nasal glands had become enlarged.

The overall effect of a single non-lethal dose of oil in these young herring gulls appears to be to make them less fit to survive the considerable stresses, such as severe storms, food shortages or the effects of other pollutants, that they will encounter in the wild.

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Mr Varley backs Edwardes plan for restructuring Leyland Cars

By Roger Vielvoye

As shop stewards at Leyland Cars have this weekend been organizing mass meetings to ask their union members to oppose plans by Mr Michael Edwardes to reorganize the ailing motor manufacturer, Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, has backed the new chairman's controversial proposals.

In a weekend interview, Mr Varley said: "We have to have a strategy for British Leyland which will arrest the decline and put it on a sound footing. I support Michael Edwardes in his approach."

Mr Edwardes aims to restore British Leyland's car manufacturing to health by shedding 12,000 jobs this year and carving Leyland Cars into separate companies—Rover-Jaguar-Triumph, producing "specialist cars", leaving Austin Morris as the volume producer. The reorganization could eventually cost up to 30,000 jobs and has run into predictable opposition from Leyland shop stewards.

Stewards representing 130,000 workers at 36 Leyland Car plants throughout the country have already told Mr Edwardes that any plans to cut the labour force will be firmly resisted. Starting this week there will be a series of mass meetings at all the plants, at which the stewards will ask workers to endorse their opposition to Mr Edwardes's proposals. It is expected to be 10 days before all the mass meetings are complete.

According to preliminary sounding taken by the shop stewards, they will receive overwhelming support to a campaign to stop the redundancies. Independent sources in the industry also agree that there should be a sizable majority in favour of outright opposition.

In the light of the expected battle with the unions, Mr Varley's outspoken support for the reorganization proposals is welcome relief for Mr Edwardes. In an interview with *The Sunday Times*, Mr Varley said British Leyland could only succeed on the basis of producing models and cars competitively.

"There's no way you can force people to buy Leyland cars. They will only do so if the products are equal to or better than the competition."

Before any reorganization can take place, Mr Varley will have to win Cabinet approval, and he admits that he will have to educate elements of his own party that market forces make the car industry different from monopoly state industries, in which jobs are also at stake.

"I am amazed that the Labour and trade union movement has not yet really understood this. We aren't talking about water boards or electricity supply, but manufacturing industry in the most fiercely competitive market. I am sure that this is not fully grasped on the shop floor", he said.

Mr Varley also made clear the basis on which Mr Edwardes operates. "British Leyland is going to be managed by the management, not the Government. We will be kept informed. We haven't the resources in the Department of Industry to manage Leyland and there is no desire on my part to do so."

Mr Edwardes has already had one stormy meeting with shop stewards over his plans, and backed by the overwhelming support from mass meetings, he can expect an even rougher ride over the next few weeks. Shop stewards have seen Mr Varley and told him that they are not prepared to see jobs disappear, and have also asked to see the Prime Minister.

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Sealink to order £28m ferries from UK yard

By Our Industrial Staff

Orders worth about £28m are due to be placed with a United Kingdom syipyard following goverment approval for Sealink, the british Rail-owned ferry service, to expand its fleet.

Mr Rodgers, Secretary of state for Transport, has authorized the building of one of two new ships Sealink wants to introduce on its cross-Channel service from dover.

Plans for an identical second ship are under discussion between the Railways Board and the Department.

The new ships will be multipurpose, of about 5,500 tons, with capacity for up to 1,000 passengers, 300 cars and 60 large commercial vehicles. They are likely to enter service early inh1980 and will together cost about £28m.

Orders for the ships are likely to be placed with Harland & Wolff, Belfast.

A spokesman for Sealink said last night that discussions with the Belfast yard were already taking place on construction of the first ship. If these did not result in agreement the second choice would be British Shipbuilders, the state corporation.

Harland and Wolff is already building a similar ship to those planned for the cross-Channel route which will operate from Stranraer to Larne.

Commenting on the decisin, Mr David Kirby, general manager of Sealink's shipping division, said: "We need new ships to offer high-quality services for the growing traffic in roll-on/roll-off freight, accompanied cars and passengers on the Dover routes. This means that by mid-1978 British Rail should have no fewer than three new large multipurpose ships under construction in United Kingdom yards".

Greenwell sees danger in excessive reliance on gilt sales

Broker attacks money control policy

By John Whitmore
Financial Correspondent

The present tools for operating a policy of practical monetarism are inadequate and there is a danger that economic growth could be unnecessarily impeded, according to W. Greenwell, the City stockbrokers.

In its latest *Monetary Bulletin*, the broker argues that the existing flows of information on money and the mechanism adopted for controlling the money supply could leade to needlessly large jumps in interest rates and distortions in financial flows.

In addition to opening up the possibility of an unwarranted threat to economic growth, these factors could also mean that the policy of practical monetarism itself could quite unfairly fall into derepute.

In particular, Greenwell criticizes the authorities for concentrating their attempts to control the money suply on the gilt-edged channel rather than exerting pressure on the various channels through which money flows.

If the authorities choose to operate mainly through just one channel, Greenwell says, it may in some circumstances become inadequate, giving rise to blockages. This has not happened yet, but it could occur in the future if reliance on gilt-edged sales as a method of controlling monetary growth remains excessive.

This would happen largely because the market will steadily become more accustomed to the policy of practical monetarism and will tend to anticipare monetary events earlier and earlier. The earlier the anticipation, the more likely that mistakes will be made, particularly as short-term trends in the money supply are extremely difficult to forecast.

There is a danger, therefore, that the market will incorrectly forecast excessive monetary growth and that these forecasts will coincide with other news announcements bearish for gilt prices. In this combination of circumstances a blockage in the gilt market could become a primary and not just a secondary cause of excessive moneatry growth.

Rather than rely so heavily on gilt-edged sales, the authorities should concentrate on controlling the growth in the monetary base, allowing them to constrain the growth of the total assets of the banking system.

Banks would respond to pressure on the monetary base by selling any one (or more) of a variety of assets. This would lead to a reduction in the money supply involving many different assets and markets.

Under such a system of control there would be many channels through which pressure could be exerted. The more the channels, the less chance there would be of bottlenecks, and pressure could be exerted more efficiently and evenly.

The broker argues that this would be preferable to a simple squeeze on reserve assets. This can be perverse in its effects in so far as it leads to round-tripping and other arbitrage transactions. The avoidance of these requires the imposition of "corset" controls on bank lending, which, in their turn, distort sterling M3.

Greenwell also calls for a new series of money supply statistics in the form of M2. This would exclude from M3 large wholesale deposits and certificates of deposit which are subject to arbitrage transactions in the money markets.

The broker acknowledges that the banks already fill in some 200 forms a year for the Bank of England, some of them requiring information on more than 100 items. But Greenwell finds it incredible that, in spite of all this form-filling, the banks do not provide data for an M2 series—one of the two monetary aggregates considered most important in the United States.

Energy and economies top agenda in Congress

Congress's new session faces a stormy and hectic passage. Congressmen have flocked back to the nation's capital to start work this week on a multitude of Bills dealing with economic affairs. Only the most important items of legislation are likely to be considered, with all others rudely thrust aside.

This is an election year and the Congressmen want to spend as much time as they can in their districts campaigning. They will have no time in Washington to deal with issues that might be viewed as being of secondary importance, such as a restructuring of bank regulation, full-scale reform of the tax system and a further capital increase for the World Bank.

Leaders of the Congress are determined to end this session by October 1 at the very latest. Fortunately, both the Republican and Democratic party chiefs agree that energy and economic Bills are the top priority. Thus the main proposals submitted by President Carter in the last couple of days will be given a full hearing.

A top priority for the House banking committee is the United States contribution to the IMF's special "Witteveen" supplementary financing facility, and work on this will begin today. It is likely to be the only IMF issue to be debated by Congress this session. Final approval of the contribution is unlikely however before late April.

Apart from the administration's main economic proposals, another issue likely to be dealt with—and arouse considerable controversy—is labour law reform. This Bill should be passed and could enable the unions to increase their organizing activities, especially in the Southern states, but a Senate fight on this is certain.

Passage of the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Bill also seems assured, although the Republicans will offer stiff opposition. In its final form this Bill is unlikely to be of more than symbolic importance, restating America's commitment to achieve full employment as defined by a 4 per cent jobless rate.

The amount of legislation dealt with by the Congress in coming months will depend to a large extent on the time taken by debate over the Energy Bill. This Bill might not be approved before late March. If this is the case, then there will be precious little time for Congress to deal with many other matters.

Indeed, so hectic does this session look like being that its results cannot be predicted at this stage. Conservatives and Liberals are certain to clash on most of the key energy and economic issues, and the President will have a tough time ensuring that Congress approves his vast list of legislative demands in such assorted areas as education, social welfare, business regulation, and even foreign policy.

Frank Vogl

Larger groups want no turnover limit on VAT annual accounting

By Patricia Tisdall

Proposals for simplifying the administration of value-added tax, together with increases in the minimum turnover threshold are expected to be included in a statement in the next Budget.

Customs and Excise Commissioners have been studying ways of improving VAT procedures as part of a review recommended by the Commons Public Accounts Committee last August.

A number of reforms in VAT collection and accounting procedures aimed particularly at helping small businesses are being considered, after discussions with trade associations and other interested parties. High on the list of proposed changes is a move to annual accounting but with advance interim payments on a quarterly basis.

At present VAT is accounted for by quarterly returns based on a multitude of invoices. Businesses complain that this method is "grossly inefficient" in clerical time, and that it involves an immense amount of multiple recording of transactions before the consumer finally pays it. Instead they want the tax to be based on the traders' own annual accounts.

The suggestion is that quarterly payments on the basis of provisional estimates of liability, comparable to PAYE, could provide the means of containing the cash risk to smaller companies with rudimentary accounting systems.

The Commissioners of Customs and Excise have suggested in the course of their discussions with trade bodies that such a change, if introduced, should be confined to smaller firms. They have asked for suggestions as to where to set the limitations on turnover.

Any such limitation, however, would be strongly opposed by larger industrialists, who say that although their more sophisticated accounting systems mean that the high costs of dealing with VAT are less apparent, it is nevertheless still present.

In his submission to the commissioners, Mr Jan Hildreth, *director-general of the Institute* of Directors, says: "There should be no turnover limit on eligibility for annual accounting. Large firms should not be debarred from participating in the increase in national productivity which the switch to the accounts basis will promote."

An indication that at least some policy decisions on VAT procedure reforms have been made is contained in a statement last week by Mr Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Mr Lever, who is coordinating the Government's tactics on small firms, told a conference in Birmingham organized jointly by the Departments of Industry and the Environment on Thursday that he wanted to raise the threshold of turnover at which traders have to register for VAT from £7,500 to £10,000. He also said he wanted to simplify the administration of the tax.

Two weeks ago, Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said in the Commons that following meetings with industry, the Government hoped to be able to make a statement about VAT procedures in the spring Budget.

Industrialists are unlikely to be satisfied with an increase to £10,000 in the VAT threshold limit. The Institute of Directors points out in its submission that the increase last October from the original limit of £5,000 to £7,500 was too small and that in round figures it should have been raised to £10,000 then if its original purpose was still to be served.

The institute said, "there seems a good case based both on efficiency, elimination of the many small accounts, and on the need for prosperous small businesses" for raising it still higher to, say, £25,000.

Sanctions threat over haulage pay

By Donald Macintyre

Sanctions against West Midland road haulage companies who granted their 10,000 lorry drivers a 15 per cent rise may be applied by the Government.

Nationalized industries who may have haulage contracts with those involved are being asked by their sponsoring departments to bear in mind that the settlement was well outside Government guidelines.

The Department of Energy has already written to the National Coal Board—which uses haulage contractors mainly for shifting coal and waste in and around collieries—drawing their attention to the settlement and asking them to do what they can in helping to hold the line on pay policy.

In particular, however, the correspondence between the department and the Coal Board, on which the NCB has not yet taken a firm decision, is understood to suggest that the industry should refuse, where possible, to pay any increased charges which result from the deal.

Ideally departments would like the nationalized industries to withdraw their custom altogether from contractors who have breached the pay guidelines.

Mr Fukuda pledges action to cut Japan's surplus and boost growth

From a Special Correspondent
Tokyo, Jan 22

Mr Takeo Fukuda, Japan's Prime Minister, in a major policy speech to parliament on Saturday pledged Japan to attain a 7 per cent growth rate in 1978.

To achieve this he promised his Government's efforts to reduce the nation's excessive world trade surplus, expand foreign imports, cut tariffs, and increase public spending.

Mr Fukuda said, the most urgent problem was Japan's trade surplus. The Finance Ministry announced on Friday a record surplus in 1977 of $9,752m (£5,000m), almost double the previous record of $5,120m in 1972.

Japan would strive for increased imports to decrease its surplus, said Mr Fukuda. He promised advanced implementation of tariff cuts, expansion of quotas for items under residual import restrictions and their partial liberalization.

But, keenly aware of strong protectionist lobbies in his own country, particularly the agricultural sector, he added that the Government would exercise prudence in carrying out these measures to ensure they did not cause "anxieties" to domestic industry.

Failure to achieve last year's economic targets, including a 6.7 per cent growth rate, was blamed on insufficient private demand, sharp appreciation of the yen, and lack of improvement in employment, he said.



Mr Takeo Fukuda: pledge of cooperation on world issues.

Japan's policy targets for 1978 emphasize economic recovery.

Mr Fukuda ruled out exports as the driving force for a business revival, instead proposing a fiscal Budget for allotment of large funds to public works and economic assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises hard-hit by appreciation of the yen.

Implementation of the "15-month Budget" introduced by Mr Fukuda in his speech included an injection of supplementary funds as a forerunner to the fiscal 1978 Budget, he explained.

A high priority will be placed on housing. Citing the "conspicuous lag" in certain sectors of the Japanese infrastructure, Mr Fukuda also pledged large-scale expansion of roads, railways, sewage systems, schools, and health and welfare facilities.

Despite such active fiscal measures he expressed confidence that prices would remain stable. He promised "scrupulous care" in currency movements, the sale of the national bonds, and the supply-and-demand situation.

Opposition parties reacted sharply to his speech. The Socialist party pointed out that there was no compatability between the Government's plans to attain a 7 per cent economic growth and the stabilization of commodity prices, whereas the new Liberal Club, a breakaway group of ruling Liberal Democratic Party politicians, claimed that Mr Fukuda had failed in his administration of economic matters

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Tokyo round trade talks enter decisive stage today

From Alan McGregor
Geneva, Jan 22

Decisive bargaining in the long-drawn "Tokyo round" of multilateral trade negotiations begins tomorrow with a high-level meeting. The emphasis will be on the need to achieve final results by the end of the year, to curb the slide towards protectionism.

The EEC will be represented by Mr Wilhelm Haferkamp, Commission vice-president. Mr Robert Strauss, President Carter's special trade representative, will head the United States delegation.

Lists of requests and offers by main participants—almost 100 countries are taking part—are now on the table, so that the meeting marks a start of the set-piece negotiations. If differences can be reconciled work on estabdishing a politically acceptable final agreement should be under way by the autumn.

While the EEC, America and Japan are now agreed on the Swiss propsal for an average 40 per cent cur in industrial tariffs many problems remain, including different United States-EEC views on agricultural concessions.

The negotiations, under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade, were inaugurated with a 1973 ministerial meeting in Tokyo.

If successful the negotiations will yield tariff reductions spread over eight years, enlarged outlets for agricultural products and removal of many non-tariff measures hampering world trade—Gatt has listed 800 of them—such as varying customs valuation criteria.

US inquiry into alleged British steel dumping

Washington, Jan 22.—A Treasury spokesman said it was to begin four anti-dumping investigations on certain carbon steel products from the United Kingdom. The products are hot rolled bars, certain structural shapes, strip and plates.

The Treasury announcement follows a summary investigation by the American Customs Service which received a petition filed by Armco Steel Corporation alleging that these products were being dumped in the United States.

The petition was received before establishment of the "trigger price" system for steel products. It indicates that imports of the four steel products from Britain are priced below the same products sold in the British home market. It includes information that the American industry is being injured by the alleged "less-than-fair-value" imports.

With respect to bars and strip the Treasury concluded that it had "substantial doubt" that the industry was being injured as a result of the alleged sales.

Under the Anti-Dumping Act, when the Treasury has substantial doubt that an industry is being injured, the case is referred to the United States International Trade Commission for a preliminary injury determination.

The case has been referred to the ITC, according to an ITC official. Imports of the steel products covered by these investigations totalled about $67.7m (£35.8m) from January to September of last year.—AP-Dow Jones.

National Savings net intake at high level

Net inflow into National Savings in the five weeks to December 31 totalled £61.6m, compared with £16m in December 1976. This was a high figure given that Christmas usually sees large withdrawals, but it may have been helped by the end-November tax rebates. Net receipts in premium bonds were at their highest (£11.8m) since April 1971.

Frank Vogl

Carter reforms will save taxpayers $24,500m

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Jan 22

President Carter has announced a much more comprehensive package of tax cuts and tax reform measures than was widely expected.

The package, which was foreshadowed in last week's State of the Union message, involves a total of $34,900m (about £18,082m) in tax cuts and $10,400m additional levies to produce a net tax reduction of $24,500m.

The President declared that approval of this programme by the Congress "will mean up to one million additional jobs for American workers. It should lead to a pattern of economic growth which is steady, sustainable and non-inflationary."

Most of the proposals are likely to be politically popular and win approval by Congress. The income tax system is to become more progressive, and middle and low income earners are the main beneficiaries of total net personal tax cuts of $16,700m.

The Administration believes these reductions will help to raise consumer spending and more than offset the dampening effect of recently enacted higher social security taxes.

The corporate rate is to be cut from 48 per cent to 45 per cent *and greater reductions are* suggested for small companies with low profit levels. These cuts amount to $6,000m, while liberalized investment credits will provide businesses with a further $2,400m.

The President has also proposed reductions in telephone excise and unemployment taxes, to the value of $2,000m. He asserted that without this tax programme the real growth rate of the economy would probably be only 3.5 per cent next year, but that with the programme the rate should be 4.5 to 5 per cent.

The President advocates sharp reductions in business entertainment and travel deductions, as well as elimination of tax subsidies for domestic international sales corporations and tax deferrals for American companies which invest overseas.

Mr Michael Blumenthal, Secretary of the Treasury, boldly asserted that this latter proposal would have a "negligible" effect on corporate foreign investment.

All the tax proposals are to take effect from October 1, with the exception of the liberalized investment tax credit measures, which are made retroactive to January 1.

The personal income tax proposals will mean reductions of 20 per cent or more for many Americans, and some six million people will no longer have to pay taxes at all as significant increases are proposed in the *minimum* income threshold. Tax forms are also being simplified, and this should enable many more people to use the standard return form.

German fears over banks' foreign activities

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Jan 22

West Germany's Government is seeking a better insight into the foreign activities of the country's banks because it fears these could harbour risks for the German banking system.

First talks have taken place between representatives of the banks and the Bonn Government on arranging some form of "gentleman's agreement" which would give the German authorities more details.

Although there appears to be no pressing need for action as yet, the finance ministry in Bonn, the Federal Bank in Frankfurt, and the Supervisory Office for the Banking Industry in Berlin have become increasingly concerned about the activities of the banks' subsidiaries abroad, particularly in Luxembourg.

The banks' foreign subsidiaries do not come under West German supervision, nor are they subject to the country's laws, which lay down strict relationships between the size of a bank's capital and the volume and nature of credits it may grant.

Yet the parent banks in Germany are liable for the business risks undertaken by their subsidiaries abroad.

Although the German banks were relatively late in moving into international business, their foreign operations have expanded rapidly.

Those banks with subsidiaries in Luxembourg now transact on average 14 per cent of their overall business in the Grand Duchy.

Humber Bridge date

The new Humber Bridge is now expected to be open by the end of March, 1979, according to a Commons reply. The cost will be slightly more than £60m at mid-1977 prices.

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Lending rate 6½ pc

The Bank of England's minimum lending rate remains unchanged at 6½ per cent. The following are the results of Friday's Treasury Bill Tender:

Applications £1,275m — Allotted £400m
Bids at £98.55% — Received 6%
Prev week £98.54% — Received 15%
Aver rate 6.7747% — Prev week 5.5133%
Next Friday £300m — Replace £300m

Tjaereborg claims upset travel agents

A row has broken out in the travel trade about the aggressive sales tactics being adopted by Tjaereborg, the Danish-owned tour operator which started selling overseas holidays fro m Britain this year.

The Association of British Travel Agents has lodged formal complaints with the Advertising Standards Authority and the Newspaper Publishers' Association about Tjaereborg's advertising claim that its holidays are at least 10 per cent cheaper than similar holidays booked through a travel agent.

Tjaereborg, one of Europe's largest tour operators, has stirred up strong feelings in the trade since its arrival last winter. Its policy of selling foreign package holidays direct to the public at allegedly cheaper prices than any of its competitors is seen as a serious threat to the country's 4,000 travel agents.

They fear that other big tour operators such as Cosmos or Thomson will also bypass travel agents to compete with Tjaereborg on price. Since the travel trade dropped its restrictive practices on pricing, there is nothing to stop tour operators frommoffering discounts by this or any other means.

The complaints about the Danish company's advertising follow a spate of behind-the-scenes objections to its method of trading. they are made with the aim of blocking or at least delaying the campiign on which the company relies for its booking.

Mrs Sonja Kjaergaard, managing director of Tjaereborg, said at the weekend that she was aware the complaints had been made but had not seen details. She said no alterations were lanned and the company was prepared fully to justify the price claims made in the advertisements.

The company claims to have already sold 10,000 holidays since its publicity started on January 2. It expect4d to have sold out its original allocatio of around 30,000 holidays by March and was negotiating for more aircraft seats to raise its capacity.

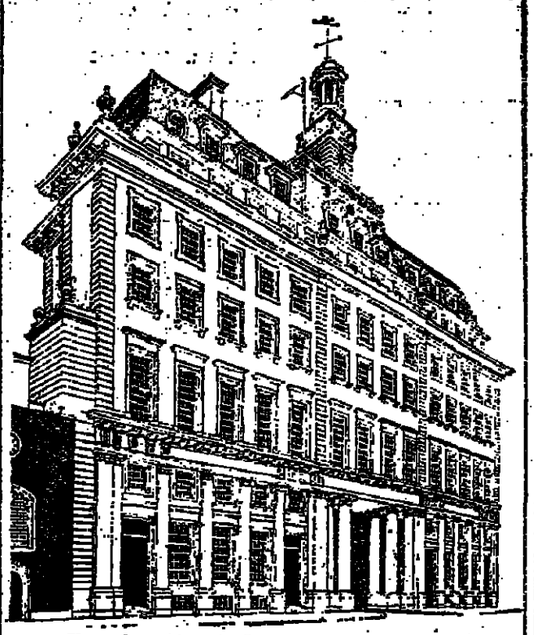
SE report ready on Sandelson

A Stock Exchange investigation of Sandelson & Co, the stockbroking firm, is now completed and ready to be considered by the council.

The investigation was a follow-up to a purely accountancy operation carried out last summer, when the firm was checked to ensure it was financially sound in the wake of major investment problems in the Far East.

The investigation is understood to have looked into the situation from a disciplinary rather than accounting point of view. The initial check by the exchange revealed the firm was financially able to continue in business.

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MANAGEMENT

Edited by Rodney Cowton

Pensions: the value of knowing what other schemes are doing

Over the past four years company finance directors, personnel managers and pension fund administrators have been bombarded by a huge weight of paper from the Government, the Occupational Pensions Board, pensions consultants and insurance companies about the future of the state and private pension schemes.

What has been in short supply among all this erudite and occasionally incomprehensible reading matter is a class of information that these finance directors and pension fund administrators would dearly like to have: what are the pension schemes of other companies like, be they competitors or not?

Now, the national Association of Pension Funds has once again come to the rescue with its latest survey* of occupational schemes, published last week. It is the third NAPF survey and, like its predecessors, it ranges over all aspects of pension fund activity from investment policy and contribution levels to basic pension and fringe retirement benefits.

Unfortunately, the survey has not been able to cover every question which companies would like to have seen answered. Instead, it has whetted appetites for the 1978 edition which is already being planned.

It is hoped in that to include sections on such matters as membership participation in the management of pension schemes; on the use of nominee holdings and the exercise of share voting rights by pension funds; and on decisions that have been made on contracting in or out of the new state earnings-related pension scheme.

As to the less head delights of the 1977 survey, it is interesting to see the difference in response it had compared with the 1976 one. The latest survey produced 857 replies, compared with 797 the previous year, but the number of scheme members covered were fewer at 3.2 million against four million in 1976. In fact, 63 per cent of the schemes in the present survey had fewer than 1,000 members, compared with 54 per cent in 1976.

Has the switch of emphasis in the sample made much difference to the quality of the schemes under review, bearing in mind the common assumption that it is the larger private ones which lead the field in respect of the most attractive and generous pension schemes?

In the event, the results of the 1976 and 1977 surveys do not show any such discrepancy. Although the sample base has changed, the two surveys are surprisingly similar in respect of pension scheme design.

To some extent this must reflect the rather static situation in which the pensions industry has been for the past two years. The freedom of scheme administrators was severely restricted by phases one and two of the pay policy, which prohibited any improvement in scheme facilities and benefits other than to bring them up to the minimum standard required for contracting out.

We must wait for the 1978 survey to see the latest evolutionary trends in company pension schemes.

How good are the pension schemes covered? It depends on the definition of "good", of course, but there are some commonly held yardsticks. One of the most important is the "fraction" of pay used for calculating in final pensions salary schemes (which account for nearly 90 per cent of the survey sample).

Sixtieths are generally held to be good—the state earnings-related scheme uses eightieths—and fortieths very good. In the present survey 62 per cent of schemes were based on sixtieths and 12 per cent were better still.

"Final salary" itself has a wide definition in pensions parlance. While most employees tend to think that it means the salary they are earning when they collect their gold watch, it is not the case at all. In fact, the survey shows that the most common definition of "final salary" is "average salary over the best three consecutive years ending in the last 10 years".

From the point of view of members, another penson scheme feature deemed to be of great importance is the level and frequency of pension increases in retirement. Here the survey provides only partially comforting information.

True, 35 per cent of schemes give automatic increases and 44 per cent give non-automatic increase in pensions—but the rate of increase is most commonly between 3 and 4 per cent.

What about increases linked to increases in the retail price index? Only 6 per cent of schemes provided this. The survey also showed that it was the larger, rather than smaller, schemes which are more likely to produce some increase in pension.

The replies in the survey on death in service benefits shows that 62 per cent of schemes provide a widow's pension and 89 per cent a lump sum as well. The most common level for a lump sum benefits is between two and two and a half times salary, compared with the Inland Revenue maximum of four times salary.

The other dependency provisions covered include children's benefit, which is provided by 57 per cent of all schemes either as a right or on a discretionary basis, and widower's benefit. However, the widower is completely iguored by 86 per cent of all schemes.

Margaret Stone

** Survey of Occupational Pension Schemes—1977.* Published by the National Association of Pension Funds; £1.75 members; £3.50 non-members.

Small construction groups build up their overseas markets

> Inevitably, the pressures this sort of expenditure (establishing a presence abroad) imposes on a smaller company are great. Large companies can afford to bide their time; smaller ones cannot afford to wait long for returns.

Last year British building and civil engineering companies won new overseas contracts worth £1,700m, an increase of £383m over the previous year. They had, it was quickly explained to the Government which proclaimed itself most pleased with the industry's efforts, made a virtue out of necessity.

Slackness in the home market had virtually forced companies to seek work abroad. Indeed, between financial years 1972-73 and 1976-77 overseas new orders increased from £346m to £1,700m, while home new orders have grown only £1,548m from £5,481m to £7,029m.

This means that while home orders grew by 28 per cent, overseas growth has been almost 350 per cent.

It was, nevertheless, a fine performance in the face of stiffening competition—the more so because for the first time there were indications that the new orders were not confined to the larger companies, like Costain, Taylor Woodrow and Wimpey, who have long-established overseas divisions and reputations. Small and medium-size companies, probably those most squeezed by the recession, captured contracts too.

In the financial year 1975-76 more than 95 per cent of contracts by value went to 20 companies, and 73 per cent to a mere six. Last year, the share taken by companies from outside the top 20 increased to 30 per cent.

The strenuous efforts taken by the smaller companies, the risks they encounter and the difficulties they face are well illustrated by the experience of Lovell Stewart International. The company was formed in December, 1975, an amalgamation between Y. J. Lovell (Holdings), a public company of some 200 years' standing and an annual turnover of £45m, and Kyle Stewart (Contractors), a private company formed in the 1950s with a turnover now of £35m.

The company is now working on two contracts, together worth about £7m, in Nigeria—regarded as one of the more difficult markets in which to operate—and is seeking work in Dubai, where it is also setting up a joint company with a local contractor.

Mr. Eric Vassar, managing director of Lovell Stewart, explained that Kyle Stewart began to look overseas early in 1975 when it foresaw a shortening of its home order book. A team of four was sent to Nigeria to carry out a six-week pilot study.

"The prospects looked good, but we realized that with a turnover of £35m we lacked the financial muscle—when it came to providing bonds and guarantees, for instance—to go in unprotected."

Lovell, meanwhile, was looking at the Middle East market and coming to similar conclusions. After a series of discussions, sparked by an approach by Mr Vassar to a friend at Lovell, the directors decided to pool efforts on a long-term basis to seek work overseas, while continuing to compete in British markets. The amalgamation was fifty-fifty.

Lovell Stewart (International) decided to concentrate its efforts on Nigeria. Inauspiciously, hands were shaken on the deal on the day General Gowon was deposed. After further exploratory work, local partners were found and Lovell Stewart (Nigeria) formed in Ikeja. The Nigerians took 40 per cent of the equity.

The next nine months were spent securing the necessary documentation and legal instruments before Lovell Stewart picked up its first contract, a £450,000 extension for the Wellcome Foundation. The next contracts—£4¼m worth of aircraft hangars for the federal ministry of defence and further work for the Wellcome Foundation valued at 3¼m—began recently. During this time Lovell Stewart submitted more than 50 unsuccessful tenders. The success rate in Britain is closer to one in 10.

The "entrance fee" to Nigeria was high. Mr Vassar estimates that "many thousands of pounds" was spent merely on establishing the company there. The cost of keeping one ex-patriate in Nigeria is about £40,000 a year. Inevitably, the pressures this sort of expenditure imposes on a smaller company are great. Large companies can afford to bide their time; smaller companies cannot afford to wait long for returns. The danger is that the latter chase contracts at potentially disastrous prices, if only to establish a track record.

"We were determined not to do this", Mr Vassar explained. "Our intention has always been to build the operation slowly. You cannot hope to rush in and pick up large contracts."

Having waited almost two years to pick up the right contracts at the right price, Lovell Stewart now believes it has found its feet and is capable of taking on contracts in the £10m to £15m range.

Nevertheless, the success of the venture is still not certain, even on completion of the present contracts, important in establishing the company's own track record, Lovell Stewart does not expect to have turned the corner to profitability. Mr Vassar accepts that if it became a question of pouring in money with no returns in view the whole situation would have to be reviewed.

No one within the company expected Nigeria to be an easy market in which to work, but there is a general recognition that conditions have become more rather than less difficult. The physical environment continues to pose its own problems.

Communications may have improved—materials have been moved on site from High Wycombe in 21 days—but the amount of paperwork needed, to meet exchange control requirements, for instance, has increased. Competition especially in the Lagos area where Lovell Stewart operates has intensified. Increasing demands are placed on the builders' patience by changes in administrative procedures.

There is, too, the "indigenization policy", which requires the Nigerian holding in Lovell Stewart (Nigeria) to be increased from 40 to 60 per cent. Financial arrangements for the transfer have to be completed by December.

Mr Vassar remains optimistic, however.

John Huxley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How locomotive drivers can be trained

From Mr R. C. Ormiston-Chant

Sir, When I served the railways I did not drive the locomotives. I built and repaired them, particularly those of the GWR. To this end I had to serve an apprenticeship at the Swindon Locomotive Works, beginning under Mr Hawksworth and ending under Mr Smeddle. There were many others of my contemporaries similarly occupied and for much of the time we were under the care of an older skilled man. But by no stretch of the imagination was there any need for an apprentice under *every* single craftsman in that large factory. Yet this is what Mr David Bowman implies (January 13) in suggesting that British Rail needs to train drivers for the future: there must be a lesser skilled second man on every locomotive and so on.

There has never been "second guards" in every train to my knowledge; only the larger of the old style signal cabins had men of junior status as assistants, eg, the "Book Boy". These railwaymen, too, required the knowledge accorded by Mr Bowman to his vast army of drivers, though in lesser degrees it is true.

Looking at the particular skills specified by him, I notice that the main groundwork at least of most of them can be gained far more efficiently in properly founded teaching establishments—I may be wrong but I do not recall any outstanding urging by Aslef (or NUR) to have such places created by their employers. Practical experience out on the road will always be needed, of course, just as it was necessary in my own craft of fitter, turner and erector, but even in my time back in steam days much was learnt at technical schools and today the apprentices' schools are a vital and extensive feature of the railway factories to a degree never dreamed of in my time.

Mr Bowman's letter merely suggests that the two railway unions catering for drivers are still living in the nineteenth century—and I had exactly the same impression during my own apprenticeship during the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Yours sincerely,
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January 14.

Saving money with filament bulbs

From Mr I. F. Davies

Sir, Despite the fact, as Mr Tony Greenfield says (January 19), that householders are going to carry on buying filament bulbs, it is possible still to achieve a real reduction in domestic lighting costs by using fluorescent tubes in places where they are aesthetically acceptable—in the kitchen, garage, bathroom and for porch lights.

Since the fluorescent tube requires bulky auxiliary components to start and operate it, it is not possible to plug it directly into the normal light bulb socket. There have been attempts, with varying degrees of success, to produce a complete plug-in fluorescent tube lighting fitting and your correspondent may be assured that we—and we suspect others in the industry—are active in attempting to provide a really practical and domestically acceptable solution to this problem.

This will enable domestic users to have economic energy-effective lighting in all rooms of the home, which will certainly make significant savings possible in the domestic lighting bill. But not yet!

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From Mr A. Cocks

Sir, I have read Kenneth Owen's article (January 12) and—from personal experience—I can shed a little light on this non-problem.

Back in 1975 I took the advice of the Consumer's Association who said that if you can tolerate the loss of a few lumens, the best bet for long-life is 230-volt bulbs if you can find them. Well, I found them and am being charged the same price as for 240-volt bulbs. Previously I had bought, through electricians' shops, bulbs variously rated as 230-240 volts and 240 volts.

We do not notice the slight loss of lumens, whether the bulb is used as a ceiling light, floor lamp, table lamp or passage light. And, if my basic electric theory, learnt some 60 years ago, still holds good, a 250-volt filament consumes slightly less current than a 240-volt filament.

The first 250-volt bulb I installed lasted 15 months. The second one was a passage light which has already been running for (hold it!) nearly two and a half years. The next batch, installed at various dates in 1976, are still all going strong.

There must be a viable commercial demand for 250-volt bulbs or the manufacturers would not make them. Two of the makers mentioned in Kenneth Owen's article are the manufacturers of the bulbs I buy.

But why is there not a government department responsible for testing and publishing the "best buy" in certain vital (but admittedly not all) items?

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN COCKS,
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Highbridge,
Somerset.
January 16.

Exchange rate impact on exports

From Mr Andrew Tessler

Sir, Mr Melvyn Westlake, in his highly stimulating article (January 9), tries to explain the likely impact of sterling's rise, yet the exporter will remain as confused as ever—particularly if he remembers the report in your issue of December 9, of the poor export prospects due to sterling's appreciation (by a few percentage points) and in the immediately adjoining column Mr Peter Hill's reference to the sub-contracting of our Polish ship orders, saying "some of the Scandinavian equipment will cost nearly twice as much as the same equipment manufactured in Britain".

It is remarkable that so much importance is attributed to exchange rates when there are other factors of much greater importance deserving attention, indeed demanding prompt action. These are: the lack of skilled labour in many exporting companies, the lack of adequate production capacity (often because government—central and local—still preempt too much of production) and above all the lack of incentives which British managers must endure.

European managers, with knowledge of British industry, often wonder how the British manager achieves so much with so little to encourage him. How, incidentally, can we expect the "industrial strategy" to succeed with demoralized leaders?

These are the real stumbling blocks to a much faster development of our exports and not a few percentage point variations in exchange rates.

Yours truly,
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Estate agents as traders

From Professor John A. Davis

Sir, Apropos the letters in your business section on January 5 about conveyancing and "gazumping", can anyone explain why estate agents should not be expected to carry their own stock (i.e. houses) like any other trader? This would relieve those who buy and sell houses from them of expenses that an individual as opposed to a business can ill afford, as well as putting the onus of trading fairly on to those whose business depends on maintaining the goodwill of customers. It is not conducive to goodwill to see both solicitors and estate agents make a lot of money for undertaking normal responsibilities in transactions which bear very hardly on householders.

Yours faithfully,
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Weight of money arguments

One of the most common explanations put about for what to some at least have been rather disappoiting performances by both the gilt and equity markets over the past few weeks has been the low level of institutional liquidity.

At the same time, minds have started wandering to the likely impact of rising institutional cash flow on markets during 1978. For it seems reasonable to suppose that the new funds available to the long-term investing institutions, the pension funds and the life funds, should rise from around £6,500m in 1977 to £7,500m-£8,000m in the present year.

Perhaps the most important point to remember, however, when talking of the increasing weight of institutional money is that it does not automatically result in higher security values. Indeed so herd-like have been the institutions become in their behaviour that the weight of funds has not even managed to produce a smoothing effect in equity bear markets. Unless the underlying trend in a particular market is the right way, the institutions, by and large, manage to find alternative homes for their cash, even to the extent of leaving largish proportions of annual cash flow in cash itself.

PENSION AND LIFE ASSURANCE INVESTMENT 1972-76

	Cash flow £m	Cash flow % into short term assets	Cash flow % into equities
1972	2,235	12	61
1973	2,560	22	35
1974	2,920	44	8
1975	3,980	−14	40
1976	5,080	3	27

As far as the present year is concerned, there is a fairly widespread feeling that the institutions may well want to pay some attention to increasing their holdings of short-term assets once again after what was probably a further small run-down in 1977. It is, however far from being a unanimous view. Brokers Wood, Mackenzie, for instance, have recenly argued that, on the basis of the kind of cash ratios held (1968-72) before the upsets of the mid-seventies, the liquidity ratios of the long-term funds do not look unduly low, either on a liquidity to assets or liquidity to cash flow basis.

Even if noe takes this view, however, one can only be very tentaive in moving from this kind of base towards other conclusions. As far as the equity market is concerned, for instance, a bullish conclusion would still require assumptions that the overall economic background shapes up reasonably well, that short-term interest rates do not move significantly higher as the year wears on, and that the Government's need to sell debt o non-banks will fall.

One also needs to make assumptions about the likely needs of the corporate sector for external finance as economic recovery gathers momentum. If internal cash flow proves better than generally expected—and here one needs to look specically at the non-oil companies—all well and good. On the other hands, any significant corporate sector demand for funds could either drive up short-term interest rates or lead to fresh recourse to equity funding—which could be sizable if the financial sector were to opt for a fresh round of rights issues later in the year, If the inflation rate falls far enough it might even be that that corporate bond market will see a revival for companies that cannot make it to the Euro-sterling arena.

Dividend control

The problem of forecasts

With six months left before the expiry of the current dividend restraint legislation, the Treasury is facing an increasingly complex technical problem. The first sign of this appeared in the recent rights issue documents from Manchester Garages which contained the promise of a 51 per cent dividend increase and the remark that Treasury permission was not needed for this because the payments would be made long after July 31.

The Treasury passed the wording, though the fact that the dividend increase was a fairly normal one for a rights issue means this should not be taken as any clear indicator that restraint will definitely end on that date.

In fact companies are being told very clearly that no indication can be given either way. Strictly speaking, dividend restraint does not exist after July 31 but the Government still has time to introduce the new primary legislation necessary, particularly as there is a Budget due between now and then.

Obviously the application or removal of restraint is a major political bargaining counter and, as such, the Government will evidently be wanting to squeeze as much mileage out of it as possible. But, meanwhile, companies are having to make more and more difficult projections for the immediate future and the Treasury is having to qualify every statement it makes.

From now on news of company results and special situations are likely to be accompanied by a statement incorporating this kind of uncertainty and shareholders will just have to make what they can of the direction of the political breeze.

Explosive growth in leasing

This week, LCP, a group which includes extensive British Leyland distributorships in the West Midlands, announced a £3m purchase of a Ford franchise in the North West. One reason is that it wants to increase its presence in the rapidly growing business of car leasing. In a wider sense, though, leasing is becoming increasingly important as a method of financing new assets and at the same time is one of the more contentious areas for which the accountants are preparing a standard treatment.

Within the 25 per cent to 30 per cent growth of general leasing business during the past 12 months the most explosive increase has been in leasing passenger cars.

Car leasing is achieving this sort of growth because it is the newest facility offered within a growing business which is changing the face of the way British companies are financed.

Stock appreciation relief has meant that many companies have had insufficient taxable profits to take advantage of the capital allowances available on new investment. The lessor company, being able to take advantage of the capital allowances itself, can pass on the benefit to lessees in lower rental charges, which, are themselves allowable against corporation tax.

The clearing banks spotted the potential for companies with low tax charges in the early seventies and since 1972, the business has grown fourfold. The spur to the passenger car buiness came last year with the ending of a 10-month deposit rule and clarification that the 100 per cent capital allowance against tax was available on that type of business to leasing companies.

Such growth has inevitably created problems for the accounting profession, which lacks a standard practice for dealing with leasing and which has led to the anomalous position whereby jumbo-jets worth millions of pounds do not appear on any company's balance sheets.

It has also been having a marked effect on motor distributorships as fleet buying switches to fleet leasing.

The push into leasing, though, has ben led by finance houses as car hire purchase business has tended to decline, and is bound to have an effect on the profitabiilty of the distributor, which it is still, perhaps, too early to assess.

One of the advantages of all types of leasing has been that it is off-balance sheet. With the accounting profession now girding itself, at last, to produce an exposure draft, this could change. The wory is that it could also influence the revenue to alter its tax treatment.

The thinking is that the lessee company will take the leased asset on its balance sheet, although, in law, it does not have ownership. The problem is that the whole basis of leasing is that the capital allowance against tax is taken by the lessor company. Tax and accounting conventions do not always coincide, but there is a difficulty that one anomaly will simply be replaced by another.

For the lessor the problem is to account for the profit received from an asset it technically owns, but which someone else has the use of, and for which it gets tax advantages.

To overcome the problems meetings have been arranged next month between the Accounting Standards Committee and members of the Equipment Leasing Association.

Hugh Stephenson

Keeping the virtues of free trade in sight

Mr Ushiba is due this week in the capitals of Europe: As Japan's Minister for External Economic Affairs, he is the focus of what will unquestionably be one of the big running stories of 1978—namely, the pace at which the drift towards protectionism in world trade continues and the responsibility or otherwise of Japan for accelerating it.

As a former ambassador to the United States, Mr Ushiba cannot but have noticed in his recent visit to Washington how much more widespread the protectionist pressures facing this Administration have become, and how strongly this is tinged with straight anti-Japanese feeling. As a member of the Fukuda government, Mr Ushiba will, on the other hand, be fully aware of the huge industrial, social and political task of reorieenting an economy which has become used over a period of more than a quarter of a century to the habit of an economic miracle based on an undervalued yen and soaring exports.

The international state of mind about free trade seems to be in a process of change. It is beginning even among many former out-and-out advocates of free trade as a good thing in itself. What is less clear is whether this change is just a pragmatic reaction to an already deteriorating situation; or whether it is a positive shift in thinking about how international trade should be handled.

The facts at the moment fit either interpretation. There is no reason to suppose anything but that President Carter is in favour of free trade. But, in order to preserve that central core of international policy, he ma ythink it wise, or necessary, to add certain "tactical" concessions to those that protectionists have already gained from previous administrations.

With luck, a pragmatic Washington free trader might say, the rot can be contained by quotas, gentlemen's agreements and other devices on chemicals, textiles, shoes, steel and a handful of other things; and, even on steel, the President is talking of something that falls a long way short of what the American industry wants. The question, though, is when does an orderly holding operation become a disorderly retreat?

President Carter, faced with this delicate political and economic problem, has latched onto the slogan that free trade must be fair trade. But no slogan, however good, will stop the pressures mounting during 1978. The recent trend of Japan's own imports still seems firmly downward. There is scepticism, verging on total disbelief, about the official forecast that the Japanese economy will grow by 7 per cent this year, thus creating a market for the exports of others.

Even, however, when the world comes out of this collective recession, there is increasing doubt about whether it can take the ful weight of the competition that could transmit itself through totally free trade in certain sectors. The low wages and high productivity of the South Koreas of the developing world are suhc that Japan itself will soon be clamouring for protection.

Yet we must not lose sight of the virtues of free trade. Protetcion may seem to be the friend of the producer: ir is the enemy of the consumer, because it involves higher prlecs and reduced choice. hTe whole purpose ¢t aid to developing countries has been that they should thus raise their own standards of living. It is both illogical and immoral, where that process has borne fruit, to remove or reduce their exporting potential.

The way forward must lie down the path of what might be called managed free trade, not protectionism. Where the shocks of changes in trading patterns are too great, unofficial and official quotas and other devices may have a part to play in cushioning them. But they should then be used as smoothly and rapidly as possible to increase the flows of trade, not to hold them in check for ever.

Professor Richard Rose, right, suggests that United Kingdom policy-making could benefit from the setting up of institutions like the Americans' Office of Management and Budget and Council of Economic Advisers



Imports from America that could help British economic management

Managing the economy is the Treasury's business, but restraining the Treasury is everybody's business in Whitehall, when the details of cash limits as well as the broad contours of macro-economic policy are as important as they are today.

The Prime Minister has the biggest stake in the direction of economic policy, for the Treasury's triumphs are his triumphs and its setbacks are his setbacks. But the stronger the Treasury is, the less influence the Prime Minister may have, for Treasury staff and responsibilities dwarf the "in house" expertise of 10 Downing Street.

Cabinet ministers wary of the diminution of their status by the alleged "Presidentialization" of British government do share a common interest with the Prime Minister in economic policy. All are on guard against the "Chancellorization" of government, for Treasury interests are far narrower than the political interests of the Cabinet of the day.

Immediately after the next election a newly returned Prime Minister will have a unique opportunity to look afresh at the machinery for directing British economic policy. He or she should not approach the subject as a technical exercise in organization and management, but as a political exercise in the balance of power (or "divide and conquer").

Overlooked

Studies of presidential power emphasize that organizational forms do not follow administrative functions; instead, they follow political interests. This point is often overlooked in Whitehall. The debate about the Treasury's control of public expenditure and the Civil Service Department's manpower responsibilities illustrates the importance of discerning political interests.

The present position is an anomalous inheritance from the past. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Joel Barnett, is responsible for the control of departmental expenditure, whereas the Civil Service Department, nominally headed by the Prime Minister, is responsible for Civil Service numbers and pay, a prime determinant of expenditure in nearly every department. The arrangement does work, but the illogicality also attracts criticism.

To return the Civil Service Department's work to the Treasury would centralize control of resources in one department. Civil servants would undoubtedly object to having their career concerns become a minor appendage of the Treasury.

The magnitude of the work involved would create further problems of coordination within the Treasury at a time when mega-departments are no longer fashionable.

A politically attractive alternative would be the hiving off of the Chief Secretary's job to a new department responsible for both public spending and manpower. Senior officials in Whitehall point toward the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in Washington as a possible model for Whitehall reform.

In as much as the OMB does not have effective control over manpower, a new Whitehall Budget department would potentially be more powerful than an American counterpart.

Ministers in spending departments might welcome the removal of control of public spending from the Treasury for two reasons. The first is that the Treasury could no longer by itself plan swingeing cuts in departmental budgets, in order to implement macro-economic policies.

The reaction of spending ministers against cuts proposed at the time of the IMF loan in autumn, 1976, is but one illustration of a questioning attitude toward Treasury prescriptions about what "must" be sacrificed in the nation's economic interest, as defined in the Treasury.

Secondly, the head of a new Budget department could not speak with the political authority of a Treasury minister. Spending departments might hope to get more money from a weaker department or find it easier to appeal over its head.

In Washington lines of responsibility for budgeting are clearly defined. The OMB carries authority in so far as it speaks accurately for the President. Mr Bert Lance's strength at the OMB did not come from knowing the details of the budget, but from knowing the President intimately. His less well connected successor, Mr James McIntyre, will find spending departments readier to appeal over his head to the man on top.

In Whitehall the crucial question is: would the Prime Minister wish to receive appeals from spending departments against cuts recommended by a Budget minister? If this were done, it would undermine collective Cabinet responsibility.

In itself, this might appeal to a Prime Minister who wished to draw the reins of power into his or her hands. But every time a Prime Minister was personally asked to arbitrate between two ministers in conflict, there would be the certainty of making one enemy—and perhaps creating an ingrate as well.

Manpower

In Washington a president with a reputation for success is one who learns to avoid being drawn into controversies where any decision is likely to give some offence. Keeping out of trouble is the second priority of the President. It is a lesson that President Carter appears not yet to have learnt, whereas Mr Callaghan holds his present office because he learnt it a long time ago.

There is a political argument for the Prime Minister creating a separate Budget department with responsibility for controlling manpower totals in aggregate. It is that the future direction of public spending is now too important to be left to the Treasury. It is an issue that ought to concern the Cabinet as a whole.

Notwithstanding the present euphoria induced by the prospect of North Sea oil revenue, Whitehall departments are likely to need to keep a tight rein on the growth of public spending in the years ahead. Even if the whole of the projected £5,000m in extra revenue were available for departmental programmes, there would be a need to decide overall priorities for the use of that money, especially when £5,000m does not go as far as it used.

A canny Prime Minister could use the Cabinet as a forum for discussing conflicting points of view. Any spending minister putting a case for his or her department would not only be met by hard questions from the Budget minister but also by awkward questions from jealous competitors for what is inevitably a very limited amount of "new" money to spend. The Chancellor's voice would also be heard pointing out the implications of particular decisions for general domestic and international economic policies.

The views of industry, trade and employment could also more readily be brought to bear in Cabinet.

A weak or indecisive Prime Minister could quickly make a mess of things, by failing to resolve the disparate points of view presented. But a shrewd Prime Minister could steer discussions in the direction he or she favoured, or come down on the majority side when there was no prime ministerial commitment to a particular decision.

This might be described as the "Attlee-ization" of the Prime Minister's role—and no bad thing, in view of the late Clement Attlee's ability to concentrate upon essentials and give full scope to able Cabinet ministers.

In so far as the Cabinet is inevitably more involved collectively in discussing economic policy, the Prime Minister could strengthen its deliberations by importing another institution from Washington, the Council of Economic Advisers. It is not concerned with day-to-day problems of the budget, like the OMB. Instead, it concentrates upon broad macro-economic questions of concern to the President in his role as manager of the economy.

At the moment, Whitehall is not short of economists or economic advice. Departments have economic advisers and ministers sometimes have political advisers with economic qualifications. There are also a host of unofficial institutes and centres ready to proffer advice to Labour or Conservative ministers or both.

There is, however, a great asymetry of power among economic advisers. Economists in the Treasury know that if their views carry the day within their department it has the authority to implement them. Nowhere else within the Whitehall machine is there an equivalent concentration of staff to challenge their assumptions in detail.

The value of the Council of Economic Advisors in Washington is that it offers the President a broad view of the economy, independent of the narrow organizational interests of the United States Treasury, the Federal Reserve and OMB.

The present chairman, Mr Charles L. Schultze, does not always carry the day, but he is listened to with respect.

In a British context a Council of Economic Advisers could provide the Cabinet with an alternative to the Treasury's appreciation of the economy. A council directed like its Washington counterpart by three members brought in from outside government would be responsive to the varied political views of the Cabinet of the day.

The very absence of day-to-day operational responsibility would prevent it from running aground in inter-departmental fights about jurisdiction as the old Department of Economic Affairs did in Mr Wilson's government.

At a minimum, a Council of Economic advisers would help open up discussions about the future of the British economy. It could do this within Whitehall by providing to the Cabinet, collectively to Parliament and, at crisis moments, to the Prime Minister as well, a second look at Treasury issues. It could also publish an annual medium-term review of the future of the economy, as a reminder that the documents issued by a Treasury making three budgets a year are of limited duration.

Sufficient

Since the American Council of Economic Advisers requires a professional staff of only a few dozen, there is no prospect of a counterpart becoming cumbersome or expensive. A dozen or two economists concentrated in one place would be sufficient to give the Cabinet a view of the economy that neither the Prime Minister's staff nor the Central Policy Review Staff can now offer.

No institutional reform by itself will make for better economic conditions. In an unfavourable world economic climate the best that the British Government can do may simply be to cope with difficulties in a "not too disasterous" manner.

The greater these difficulties are, the more it is in the collective interest of Britain's governors to see that everyone inside and outside Westminster understands the hard choices facing government about how to spend the nation's limited resources.

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Business Diary in Europe: Bordering on the ridiculous

he Dutch Touring Club has een compiling a dossier of ard cases thrown up by the llegedly free movement of bour in the European Community. Some of them make arrowing reading.

A Belgium male nurse found imself a job at a hospital in otterdam and rented an artment nearby where he ent four days a week, returng by car each weekend to his rents' home in Belgium. For ree years, as a result, he has een battling with both the utch and Belgian authorities. Both countries insisted that e car must be registered with em and both demanded payents of full taxes on it. The fortunate nurse apparently t only has to pay his taxes ice over, but also has to ange his number plates every ne he crosses the border.

A German with a job near mburg has suffered an even ore bizarre fate. The Dutch sist that he registers his car Holland. The Germans are lling to let him drive in the deral Republic with Dutch ates, but only to a predetered point, such as his rents' house in Hamburg. Should he then wish to go ywhere else in Germany, he only do so by returning to mburg and starting again.

A Dutchman from Vlaadin-n, working with an American mpany in Le Havre, thought had beaten the system when rented a temporary flat so at his wife could join him. had French plates on his own car and Dutch on his wife's. But the French soon found her, and now he is paying doubles taxes on his wife's car as well.

In a fourth case a German commercial traveller working also in Belgium and the Netherlands and using his own car for business, found himself obliged to pay import charges to all three states as he crossed the borders, and in a fifth a Dutchman living near the German frontier who stored his caravan on a site across the border — visiting it only to collect it for the annual holiday—was dunned for VAT in Germany on the grounds that he "habituually used" the caravan there.

The Bureau of Organizations of the International Touring Alliance within the European Community says that such cases represent "high-handedness and confusion in a grotesque form". It has sent them to the European Commission with a plea that it should protect European citizens from contradictory interpretations of EEC rules by the national bureaucracies of the member governments.

Thanks to research initiated by Roland Counye, of the Belgian magazine *Test-Budget*, Phoenix Assurance of London finds itself nominated as the "best buy" in a Continental equivalent of *Money Which?*

Counye's idea was to compare insurance costs in the EEC member states and see whether it would be possible for nationals of one country to benefit from cheaper insurance available in another.

His researches showed that even the highest British quotations for term assurance were usually well below anything available on the Continent, but he detected what his report solemnly describes as "a natural aversion to foreigners" among British insurance companies.

Among the sample of British companies consulted, only Phoenix, the acknowledged United Kingdom market leader in term assurance, was willing not only to insure foreign lives but also to arrange medical examinations abroad, accept premiums in foreign currency and, wherever possible, arrange for payment of benefit in foreign currency.

Even Phoenix has reservations about foreign lives, of which *Test-Budget* may not be aware. "We would only write policies for business which comes to us through a United Kingdom broker", it says. "We would shun any direct approaches."

Nor can all Continentals hope to benefit from the cheaper United Kingdom rates. The French, like Britons themselves, are prohibited from insuring their lives abroad. There are moves afoot now to get the European Commission to pronounce that these restrictions contravene the Treaty of Rome.

Meanwhile Phoenix says that the amount of term business originating overseas fluctuates sharply, though it has recently written some hefty policies for customers in the Middle East and South America.

Sometime in June there will be a change at the top of Hoffmann-La Roche, the Basle-based company that makes the tranquillizers Librium and Valium. Dr Adolf Jann has let it be known that he will be stepping down as chief executive after this year's annual shareholders' meeting.

As he is 66, his decision might appear natural enough, but the fact that he is past the normal retirement age has not stilled rumours that the real reason for his going is a row with one of the company's major shareholders.

His successor is likely to be appointed in four to six weeks' time. At present his deputy, Dr Alfred Hartmann, is the front runner for the job.



Hoffmann-La Roche's Dr Adolf Jann.

It is only in recent years that kidnapping for cash has figured to any large extent in West German crime statistics. But this extremely lucrative offence is already posing a problem for the Federal Republic's tax authorities.

One kidnap victim has brought a case before the Federal Fiscal Court in Munich that threatens to deprive the state of a large slice of revenue. The unnamed victim, who was kidnapped when leaving his bar in Hamburg, is claiming that the ransom that he subsequently had to pay should be tax deductible as a business expense.

The attraction for the taxpayer is that business expenses can be carried forward and set against earnings for five years. A possible alternative — declaring the ransom payment as an extraordinary personal burden, to be set against income tax—can only be used for one tax year.

The business expense argument has already been rejected by a lower court. The appeal is due to be heard in Munich later this year and the case will doubtless be watched closely by other kidnap victims and their tax advisers.

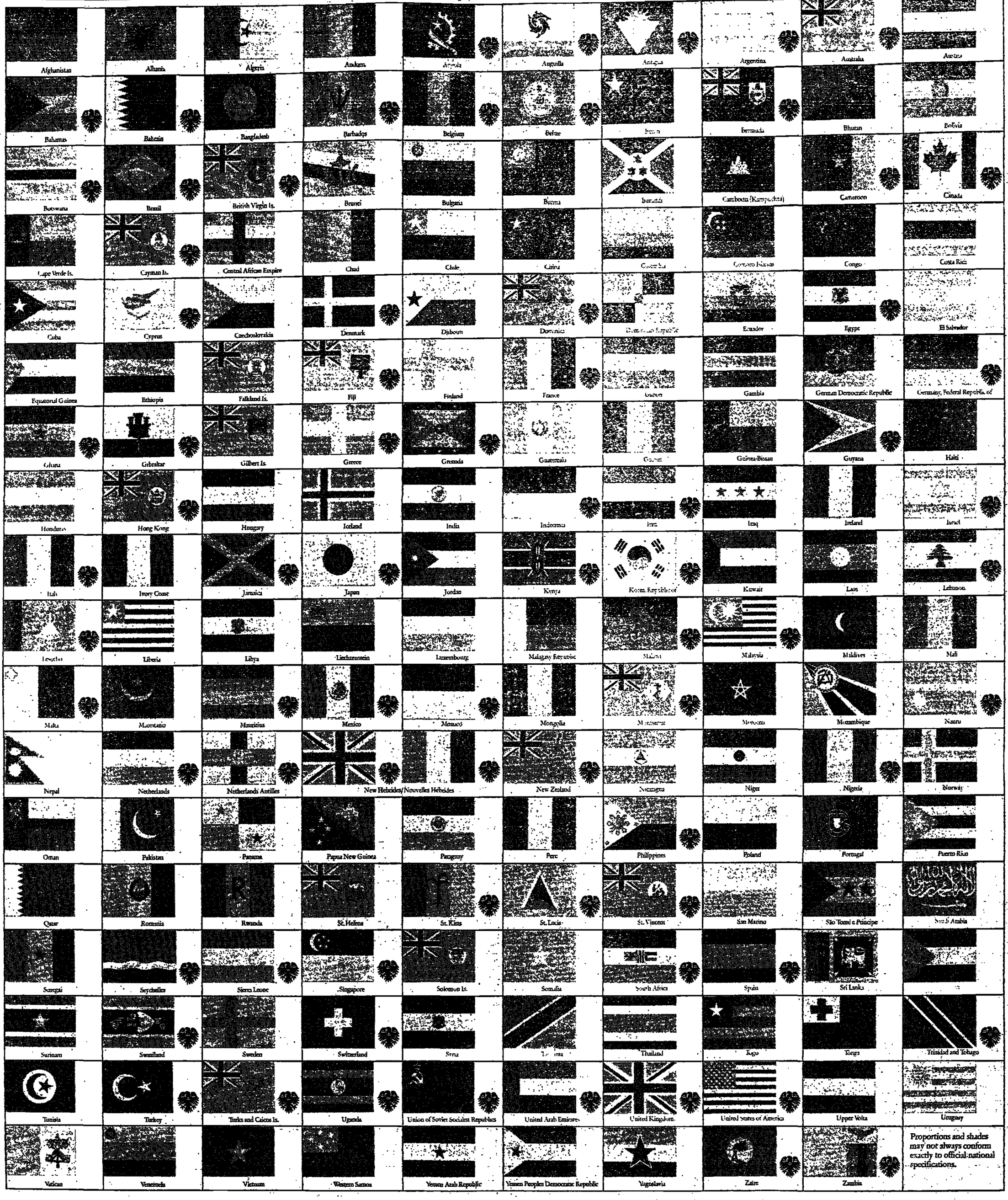
The European Commission's competition department, under Luxembourger Raymond Vouel, has been vigorously waving the free trade banner, as in the whisky affair, but last week it actually took the step of encouraging restrictions on competition.

The action was taken on behalf of small and medium-sized firms, to increase their scope for cooperation in production and marketing. The commission says that such firms employ more than half the EEC's work force and have a special role to play because of their ability to adapt to changing economic circumstances and to meet individual needs for goods and services.

One of the measures taken by the commission is to raise from £6m to £21m the maximum aggregate annual turnover of companies participating in marketing and production agreements that qualify for exemption from EEC competition rules. The combined market share of such firms must not exceed 5 per cent.

The rules on specialization agreements, where firms divide up the production of certain goods among themselves, have also been slightly relaxed.

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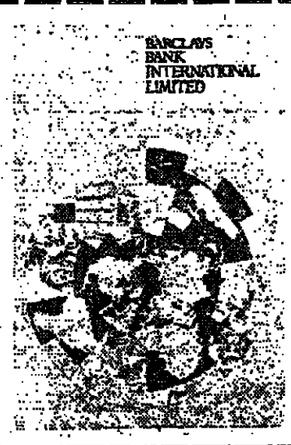


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How the workers at Merseyside car plants got a bad name

Industry in the regions

Nobody except Mr Michael dwardes, chairman of British eyland, a handful of his senior xecutives and possibly one or wo ministers and senior mem- ers of the National Enterprise oard yet knows whether the ew plans for British Leyland nclude closure of the Triumph ar plant at Speke, Liverpool.

Two things can be said about with certainty. The first is iat a lot of people on Mersey- de—among them many of the ,000 who work at Speke—are ready convinced that Mr dwardes would like to shut it own. The second is that the oment any concrete evidence this appears all hell will eak loose among politicians, ade unions, industrial plan- ng bodies and local authori- es.

They will all have a lot to y about the consequences of nother major industrial closure an area where unemployment already running at more than .5 per cent.

However, if the axe does fall Speke public opinion gener- ly is more likely to conclude at several thousand car wor- r are getting no more than ey have been asking for. ghtly or wrongly the car in- stry has come to exemplify r most people some of the rst features of British indus- y and many of the more out- geous aspects of industrial lations.

In particular the Triumph eration is being held up as example of the sort of thing at has gone wrong in Leyland d as an explanation of why e Japanese and others are able take an ever-increasing num- r of orders.

At the same time the nearby rd plant at Halewood has en brought to a standstill by unofficial strike when the mpany was planning to step output to achieve production ures that would start to ke it competitive with over- as operations.

It is perhaps only fair to int out that Merseyside's rd big plant, Vauxhall's at lesmere Port, is—although it rrowly avoided a shutdown t week when a group of rkers withdrew strike notices currently in full operation d in the process of phasing a new self-financing produc- ity deal.

The disputes at Triumphs and rd stem not from easily de- ed "hard cash" issues but m complexities and apparent odymindedness over working rangements on the shop floor.

The Triumph plant has been pped since November 1—incidentally the date on ich Mr Edwardes took over chairman of British Leyland by a strike of 2,000 produc- n workers supporting a shop ward's contention that the nagement broke local agree- nts by unilaterally introduc- new manning scales and duction schedules based on dies carried out by industrial ineers.

The company maintains that lid everything it was obliged do before starting the new working arrangements by taking the matter through agreed negotiating procedures with national union officials after it became clear that an agreement could not be reached at plant level.

Production losses are about £70m worth of cars and at the same time several thousand other workers at both Liverpool and Coventry are idle through layoffs.

Speke is geared to production of the TR7—hardly one of Leyland's success stories—although it also makes the body shells for the Dolomite which is assembled at Coventry.

Because of rumbling shop-floor troubles which preceded the present strike, very few TR7 cars have been produced since last August, which tends to support speculation that Mr Edwardes may now conclude that he can do without altogether or perhaps make it on a smaller or more successful scale elsewhere. Certainly enough spare capacity for Dolomite bodymaking exists in other Leyland-owned plants.

At Halewood about 1,000 men from the press shops are about to enter the third week of a strike which also results from a dispute over manning arrangements and production levels. Another 7,000 workers are laid off and all production of Escort cars is stopped with losses mounting at £2m a day.

To balance against this popular view two points can be made. The first is that until the present Triumph dispute this workforce had one of the best labour relations records in British Leyland—a strike-free run of almost five years.

Secondly, at Halewood Ford has not had a bad strike record in recent years. Towards the end of last year it concluded new shopfloor agreements on productivity and during the final weeks of the year was hitting its target of 1,000 vehicles a day.

The tragedy for Merseyside is twofold. It may not only have to face still more unemployment, if Speke and some of the "spin off" sectors associated with it close, but it will find it increasingly difficult to attract replacement industry because of the reputation it has acquired.

Yet this ignores the fact that a good 90 per cent of Merseyside industry remains relatively strike-free. One example is the American-owned Champion Sparking Plug factory on Merseyside which has now been in full operation for five years. It has not lost a single day's production through industrial disputes.

R. W. Shakespeare

esco sets sights on 4 ondon superstores

Derek Harris
mmercial Editor

new phase is opening in the le by the major food re- ers to gain government and l authority support for erstores.

esco, which like other major ps sees superstores as one of meeting the competitive l for keen pricing without great an erosion of profits, s soon to have local autho- permission for four major s in the London area.

l between 50,000 and 00 sq ft in floor area, they planned for Harringay, d Green, Tottenham and ham Wood.

These stores could be show- for what can be achieved he larger type store, and influence other local autho- , especially those in the of England, which have less than willing to give ission for such stores to be ed". Mr Leslie Porter, 's chairman, said recently. insburys is also seeking ission for a store of 60,000 at Barnet, north London. ovided local authorities in mediate area of planned s raise no objections, the Tory-dominated Greater on Council has so far been ularly sympathetic to store development.

e moves have come while the Associated Dairies grocery subsidiary, has d Sainsburys in taking action over refusals by Shore, Secretary of State he Environment, to give planning permission for major stores.

Mr Shore overruled his own inspectors' recommendations over an Asda development at Norwich and one by Sainsburys at Stanway, near Colchester, Essex.

Major retailers have felt that development control policy guidelines issued to local authorities by Mr Shore's department last month have done little to improve matters in breaking down opposition to superstores. The guidelines say planning decisions must take account of "the vitality of existing shopping centres".

One idea being discussed among MPs interested in retailing developments, including some Co-op Party members, is that local authorities might be encouraged by Mr Shore to designate in-town areas which could be used for superstores and ancillary shopping. This could dovetail with his plans to boost inner city development.

The problem for retailers is that site costs are so much higher than on out-of-town sites usually favoured for superstores. But if local authorities could trim inner-city site costs, possibly by footing the bill for car parking, such sites could make sense for retailers' going ahead with development.

Some retailers are sceptical of the idea insofar as local authorities might not designate areas which retailers felt would bring in the shoppers needed to make them a financial success.

iness appointments

ew chairman for J Bibby 1979 restructure plan

L. C. Young will succeed B. Bibby as chairman of bby & Sons next January. ew management structure to effect from that date, the ny will be divided into two ing groups, with Mr J. P. managing director of the tural group and Mr A. G. son managing director of dustrial group. A corporate will include corporate fin- nd personnel, for which Mr Allan and Mr N. G. Price the directors responsible.

Andrew Shaw is to be chair- nd chief executive of Vosper rcroft (UK), incorporating pbuilding and produces divi- Mr John Wilde becomes an of Vosper Shiprepairers ition to his present post of xecutive. Both appointments m February 1.

Gilbert Black, Mr Lionel and Mr Jim White have joined the executive board of Lex Service Group. Mr Norman Chinn is to retire from the Lex board in March.

Mr Ian Marks and Mr Peter Rold join the board of Research Surveys of Great Britain.

Mr H. D. Kettle has been made director of Wilmot Breeden Group Services. Mr B. V. Moore becomes group financial controller in place of Mr J. E. Parkinson, who is now financial director of Wilmot Breeden Electronics.

Mr John Stalker has been appointed a director of Glynwed Steels.

Mr Andrew Ray, former chief executive of BOC engineering division, becomes the company's first technical director. He is succeeded in the engineering division by Mr David Peters.

Mr B. G. Lapworth, Mr L. Brewer, Mr M. A. Johnson and Mr P. P. Hooper have joined the board of Barker Ellis Silver.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Analysts are not expecting much of a sweetener from Mr Cube

Company news rather than economic indicators, are likely to steal the limelight in the stock market this week.

On Wednesday "blue chip" sugar group Tate & Lyle will catch the attention of the city with its final results. But analysts are not expecting much of a sweetener from Mr Cube.

With the price of sugar now fairly stable, Tate & Lyle will miss out on dealing profits, which were a considerable element of the total, and the downturn evident in the first half is expected to intensify.



Lord Aberconway chairman of John Brown.

This week

Brokers Grieveson Grant are predicting profits of about £45m, against last year's £50m, but this forecast comes at the upper end of the range. McAnally, Montgomery take a more bearish view predicting total pre-tax profits in the region of £40m.

John Brown will be another share worth watching this week. The group will be announcing interim figures for the first time on Friday but analysts are already discounting them as irrelevent and more attention will be paid to the chairman's statement. Much of the growth in the current year is expected to come in the turbines and CJB divisions and Hoare & Well will be expecting about £15m at the year end. This compares with £10.7m last time.

Of the economic indicators, tomorrow's provisional unemployment figures for January will generate the most interest as pundits wait to see if the downward trend of the past few months will continue.

Other companies reporting include Inchcape, already in the limelight through its bid for Pride & Clarke.

With its Nigerian subsidiaries now deconsolidated and the strength of sterling likely to cost the group some £1.5m, Grieveson is looking for around £35m. This compares with an equivalent £30m and the forecast has been projected to £82.5m for the year. Inchcape is reporting interims on Thursday.

Year end results from the discount houses start today (Monday) with Alexanders Discount and continue on Wednesday with Union Discount of London.

Because the financial year of these groups is in line with the calender year, they will receive maximum benefit from the fall in interest rates.

And brokers de Zoete & Bevan anticipate both groups achieving record results. This would give Union post-tax profits of around £4m, topping a previous best of £3.6m and Alexanders at £1.2m above the £1m mark.

But on a more cautious note the brokers advise investors not to look for a rise in the dividend above the statutory 10 per cent.

Companies reporting this week are:

TODAY. — Interims — Gold Field Property, New Witwatersrand Gold. Finals—A Kershaw, Alexanders Discount, Hallam Seligh & Cheston, Rank Organisation, Rank Precision Inds (Hldgs), Utd Guarantee (Hldgs).

TOMORROW. — Interims—Allen (WG) & Sons (Tipton), Amalgamated Dist Prod, Black (Peter) Hldgs, Davy International, Hambro Trust, Leda Invest Trust, Mim Hldgs, Pullman (RJ). Finals—Glass Glover Grp, Kingside Investment.

WEDNESDAY.— Interims—Austin (James) Steel, Albert Fisher Grp, New Throgmorton, Tate & Lyle, Tranwood Grp. Finals—Blundell-Permoglaze Hldgs, Bullough, Edinburgh American Assets, Mears Bros Hldgs, Union Discount Co of London, Vantage Securities, Vogelstruisbult Metals.

THURSDAY.—Interims—Cowan de Groot, Denbyware, GT Japan Inv Tst, Guinness Peat, Imry Prop Hldgs, Inchcape, Fitch Lovell, Macarthys Pharm, Manson Fin Tst, Midhurst White, Midland Tst, Peter Pan Bakeries, Scottish English & European Textiles, David S. Smith (Hldgs), and Warwick Eng Invests. Finals—Brit Sugar, Brooke Tool Eng, Derby Tst, Glanfield Lawrence, Y. J. Lovell, Nat Bank of Australasia, R. Smallshow (Knitwear), Throgmorton Tst and Watson & Philip.

FRIDAY.—Interims—John Brown & Co, Wm Cook (Sheffield), Ferguson Industrial (nine months), Gold Fields of South Africa, and Henderson-Kenton. Finals—CGSB Hldgs.

Alison Mitchell

Northern Foods' growth continues

Continued growth, both organic and through acquisition, in the current year, is expected to result in an appreciable improvement in profits for the first six months, states Mr Nicholas Horsley, chairman of Northern Foods, Britain's third largest dairy concern which supplies Marks & Spencer with milk products, cakes and biscuits, and through its brewing interests runs more than 200 pubs and off-licences in Yorkshire and the North Midlands.

For the 12 months to September 30, 1977, group turnover was 12 per cent higher at a record £232m, pre-tax profits 18 per cent higher at a record £18m, the total dividend was increased to 3.10p a share and a two-for-five scrip issue announced.

In his annual report, Mr Horsley tells shareholders that while there are signs that inflation is abating and the balance of payments improving, "it is extremely difficult to forecast trading conditions in consumer food products. However, initial management figures indicate that there should be a very good profit improvement in the first six months."

Mr Horsley says that assessing accurately the immediate trading prospects for Northern Dairies is difficult because the transitional steps and rearrangements necessary following Britain's full membership of the EEC make it impossible to forecast profit levels.

While the rate of fall in liquid milk sales in England and Wales is slowing "unless we can have a fairly lengthy period of price stability there could be further serious erosions", he warns.

He states that the milk products division is expecting to handle considerably more milk in the current year and that with completion of a substantial capital investment programme on creameries at Holme Moor, and Northallerton, and the construction of a new dairy dessert factory at Rawmarsh, "this part of the business will show good growth this year".

Despite the increasing use of more non-EEC wheats the profitability of the milling and baking division should be maintained due to the diverse nature of its mills "provided price changes are possible at the right time.

Brokers' views

Steel is likely to win the vote because, although concrete offers storage facilities in the base of the structure, easier installation and loading of modules and hook-up work can be carried out inshore prior to tow-out among other advantages, steel was tried and tested in the Gulf of Mexico and world prices are generally weak.

Ms Ferguson estimates that platforms could be ordered this year for the Beatrice, Buchan, North Cormorant, Fulmar, Magnus, Maureen, Indefatigable fields and says that United Kingdom construction yards have the capacity to take orders to build four or five large steel jackets plus a similar number of small steel platforms.

Another female analyst, Ms Sue Graham at Grieveson Grant, has been looking at Shell in the North Sea. Shell's interests cover the Indefatigable and Leman in the southern gas fields and the Auk, Brent, South Cormorant and Dunlin fields in the United Kingdom sector.

She calculates that the annual contribution to group net income from these fields would be over £300m by the middle of the next decade which would be worth over 20p per share to Shell Transport's earnings. In addition to this, there will be a contribution from the remaining United Kingdom fields for which development plans have yet to be announced, namely North Cormorant, Fulmar and Tern and the Norwegian discoveries which are being developed—Albuskjell and Statfjord. This, the analyst estimates, might add a further 8.5p in 1982 and 11.5p per share two years later.

Prices are expected to show only a slight rise after the delayed Opec decision next June and Grieveson Grant is looking for an annual rise in the 5-10 per cent range over the next few years when both cash flow and reported net income could show marked increases. Ms Graham sounds a note of caution, however, in that a sharp earnings and cash flow reduction would ensue if oil prices failed to rise, short term.

Although the impact of North Sea oil on Shell is not relatively as great as in the case of British Petroleum, earnings from this source reinforce her view that Shell's "long-term earnings growth will be maintained".

Mr John Gilmour at Simon & Coates concludes that the situation of potential oversupply of crude oil sems likely to persist for much of 1978 and he feels that some further downward revision of differentials for certain types of crude oil can be expected. Oil product prices have shown little movement over the last few months but as differentials are eroded, he expects better margins to be obtained.

The broker feels that due recognition should be given to the fact that the North Sea and Alaska are together only at the start of a long period of production yet to be maximized. Although estimates of British Petroleum's earnings have been revised downwards to 163p per share this year, fully diluted, the longer term outlook remains very bright. The share price has underperformed the All Share Index for 15 months, recent selling being inspired from the United States.

BP looks the most attractive of the majors although the outlook at Shell is one of sustained growth from its broadly based downstream operations even if earnings for the first six months of the current year are likely to be flat.

Of the smaller oil companies, Imperial Continental Gas and Tricentrol are dismissed by Mr Gilmour as being too expensive, but Ultramar, where LNG production from Indonesia is well on stream and should provide significant earnings growth and increased cash, wins favour.

Ray Maughan

Oil companies look ahead to next phase of North Sea planning

Near completion of the first tranche of North Sea development, the oil companies are now finalizing plans for the development of the next tranche of fields. It is thought that a maximum of 12 platforms mainly of steel construction will be ordered this year and a further two orders could be placed in 1979.

In her assessment of United Kingdom platform building capacity, Ms Carol Ferguson, Wood, Mackenzie's oil analyst, concludes that "even if the concrete construction yards at Hunterston and Portavadie were closed down, it is likely that an oversupply of yards capable of building concrete structures will persist while the steel platform construction yards could enjoy something of a boom".

Progress at NSS and Martin

The annual reports of two newsagents—Martin The Newsagent and NSS Newsagents—contain encouraging remarks on prospects.

Mr E. H. S. Martin, the Martin chairman, reports that total sales for the nine weeks to December 4 last show an increase of 16 per cent over the similar period last year. These sales, and to some extent profits, have been affected by disruption of supplies through industrial action.

Despite these problems the board is confident of a further improvement in 1977-78. The group took up the other £250,000 of medium term loan, making £500,000 in all, from its bank during last year to help finance expansion. The board expects that the proceeds of the rights issue and available cash flow will be spent by the end of the current year.

After allocating funds for modernization of some of the group's existing branches and other sundry capital expenditure, there should be at least £2.5m available for expansion during the year to October 1, 1978. Most of this expenditure will be in the purchase of established stores, with the balance being utilized on fitting out some 10 new sites

In his annual statement, the NSS chairman, Mr P. H. Byam-Cook, comments on the 11-year unbroken profit record which this year shows pre-tax profits up from £2.4m to £3.2m, an increase of over 33 per cent. The recommended dividends are the maximum permissible and when there is a relaxation of dividend controls it will be the intention to make a substantial increase in the total dividend, provided circumstances at the time permit.

While some of the profits increase came from inflation, much of the improvement in both the pre-tax total and the margin came from expansion and greater efficiency, arising from the disposal of unprofitable branches and extension and refitting of existing successful branches.

Cover prices of most national newspapers were increased early in 1977. Over 40 per cent of the company's gross profit comes from the sale of newspapers and magazines.

Arco is favourite tip for Consolidated Gold

Rumours of an impending bid for Consolidated Gold Fields are being awfully persistent, but at the same time as each day goes by without any real action the rumours become more and more fanciful. Perhaps it is the season of the year—a year ago Rio Tinto-Zinc was supposed to be falling into the clutches of British Petroleum.

Atlantic Richfield is the market's favoured candidate as the bidder, which fits in with the moves already made by several oil majors of diversifying their natural resources base—indeed Arco already has Anaconda. Arco has issued a blunt denial that it has been buying shares or is interested in Cons Gold, and Cons Gold professes no knowledge of the plot. However there is nothing to stop Arco changing its mind.

Mining

An item that could point to Arco is that the British Government is increasingly looking at the degree of United Kingdom assets held by foreign companies when tendering for North Sea oil licences—there is no hard and fast rule, but the more assets there are, the more favourable the chances of getting a good block.

At the time of the fifth licensing round Arco bought the *Observer*, which some cynics saw not so much in the light of altruism but as creating a favourable impression—the assets might not have been very much, but it was the thought that counted in bailing out a liberal national newspaper. Arco was singularly unsuccessful in the fifth round and the acquisition of Cons Gold would boost the United Kingdom asset base in time for the next round.

Cons Gold is to a certain extent vulnerable in that there are no blocking share stakes—as there are, for example, in Charter Consolidated and Selection Trust. According to the last annual report there are no stakes of 5 per cent or more. On the other hand, the absence of any large stakes does prevent any would-be bidder entering the game ahead of the field by reaching an initial agreement with the holder of a significant block.

One of the rumours has suggested that Arco, or whoever, is thinking of taking over the group, selling the Australian assets to a company such as Peko-Wallsend and the South African stake to General Mining. That seems a rather convoluted way of ending up essentially with Amey Roadstone and the North American interests, but it does make a rather nice story.

Another variation is that the Americans are after Cons Gold because it has found a major gold deposit in Saudi Arabia at Mahd adh Dhahad. The reasoning, apparently, is that Arab oil plus Arab gold is irresistible to the Americans.

However the story of Mahd adh Dhahad is hardly new and while the prospects are promising—although full details of the current exploration are not due until the middle of the year—Cons Gold reports that, unless something spectacular happens, it has not uncovered a new West Wits line. For the record Mahd adh Dhahad ("Casket of Gold") is thought by some to have been the site of King Solomon's mine. The area was also mined between 1938 and 1954 and produced a total of 750,000 ounces—a truly insignificant amount in terms of South Africa's annual output.

In the absence of any firm indications, I am not a supporter of the bid theory (famous last words) and as the rumours fade I would expect the price to slide back a little unless gold advances further.

Vaal Reefs was a major feature of the December round of quarterly results from the South African gold mines with the heavy contribution from uranium. However, it should be noted that uranium income is erratic. A good example is Harmony where the uranium profit in its 1976-77 financial year fluctuated erratically quarter by quarter ranging from a low of R156,000 to R14.8m.

Nevertheless, Vaal Reefs is showing its top quality potential and an added bonus is that the old uranium contracts are running out and the new contracts will be at much higher prices.

Desmond Quigley

CompAir sees some improvement

"The outlook in world market remains unsettled and as usual includes factors which are a cause of special concern." So writes Mr Niall Macdiarmid, the chairmanof CompAir, the supplier of compressed air equipment, in his annual report.

At this stage, he continues, it seems clear that the group can expect little support from any marked improvement in world trade and that the outcome this year will largely depend on the group's own capacity to continue to improve efficiency and develop new marketing initiatives. Although it is too early to attempt any firm judgment, the board sees some scope for progress.

Maddock expansion

Maddock Limited announces that agreement has been reached with Hostess Tableware on terms whereby Maddock will purchase from Hostess its Royal Stafford china manufacturing business. A new subsidiary of Maddock will take over all the assets of Royal Stafford including its freehold factory premises at Longton, Stoke-on-Trent and will assume responsibility for liabilities equal to the value of such assets.

Royal Stafford has been manufacturing fine bone china in Stoke-on-Trent since 1845. The assets and liabilities of Royal Stafford both amount to about £500,000.

Pergamon offer for Aberdeen Press

Pergamon Press has acquired the capital of Aberdeen University Press previously held by Spey Investments. So, Pergamon has agreed to make an offer of 75p cash for each £1 nominal of the outstanding £56,489 7½ per cent loan stock, 2002-2007 of Aberdeen.

The board of Aberdeen intends to recommend acceptance.

Outlook is cloudy at Plaxton's

Labour problems and uncertainty over the rate of inflation make it hazardous to forecast the current year's results of Plaxton's (Scarborough), says the board of this motor coach builder. The earlier intake of materials has produced higher levels of stock brought forward into the current year, and this, together with a rate of inflation in material prices currently lower than expected, should help to offset the effect of lost coach production.

Gillespie rejection

The board of Gillespie Brothers Holdings of Australia unanimously supported the proposed merger with Fielders rather than the takeover bid from Allied Mills. It said it intends to accept the Fielders offer for its own shares and has been informed by Gillespie family interests that they will fully support the merger and reject the Allied takeover. Allied's bid is $A2.80 cash for each of Gillespie's 3.65 million one dollar par shares, plus the right to retain a 5.5 cent interim dividend payable by Gillespie in February.

Colophonium offer

Colophonium has sent out formal documents in connexion with its cash offers for the whole of London Australia Investment Co.

Colophonium is making the offer on behalf of a partnership consisting of L. J. Hooker, a subsidiary of the Hooker Corporation, an Australian listed public company, and Nonap, the share capital of which is owned by Mr Peter Yunghanns. The Colophonium offer price is A$1.30 per stock unit.

Continuous Stationery up 14pc in first half

On sales up from £1.07m to £1.17m for the half-year to September 30, pre-tax profits of Continuous Stationery rose by 14 per cent to £114,000. Mr G. C. Lansdown, the chairman, hopes that this level of profitability will continue in the second half. Meanwhile, the interim payment, gross, is rising from 1.07p to 1.36p.

Amcoal takeover

Cullinan Holdings and Vereeniging Refractories each hold one half of the capital of Vitro Clay Pipes, manufacturers of vitrified clay pipes and fittings for the house drainage and sewer markets. Agreement has been reached between Cullinans and Anglo American Coal Corporation for the sale to Amcoal of the shares in Vitro at present held by Cullinans.

Sixth peak running for Stauffer

Mr H. Barclay Morley, chairman of Stauffer Chemical, reports record sales and earnings in 1977 for the sixth consecutive year.

Net earnings increased by 3 per cent to $116m or $5.32 per share. Net sales rose 12 per cent to $1,230m. In the fourth quarter of 1977 net earnings increased by 33 per cent. Fourth-quarter earnings, said Mr Morley, reflected improved operating profits based on higher volume, price improvement and cost-reductions in domestic operations.

Waitrose holds on in High St prices war

Waitrose, the John Lewis Partnership food group, has held up "extremely well" under pressure from major competitors in the High Street prices battle.

In a report on last week's trade which topped £3.4m, up 13.3 per cent on the similar week last year, Mr D. J. Saward, director of administration, Waitrose, says: "Inevitably the food trade last week was dominated by the national promotional activity of a major competitor, who chose this time to react to the fierce competition that exists in every High Street.

"The partnership's food business held up extremely well to this pressure and we maintained our position quite admirably."

Briefly

ZANDPAN GOLD

The unaudited results of Zandpan Gold Mining for the half year ended December 31, 1977, show that profit rose to R1,608,000, compared with R1,372,000 in the second half of 1976, equivalent to earnings of 12.3 cents (six months to December 31, 1976 : 10.5 cents) a shart. No taxation was payable. Turnover rose to R1,670,000 (R1,438,000).

INT PACIFIC

Following representations from certain shareholders, the directors of International Pacific Securities Company have instructed Jardine Fleming & Company to consider ways, including unitization, of eliminating the discount to net asset value of the shares in IPSC. Proposals will be sent to shareholders as soon as possible.

GEORGE STURLA

Rights issue of 4.24 million ordinary shares attracted acceptances for 3.87 million shares (91.26 per cent).

NCR CORPORATION

NCR Corporation's world-wide net profit in the fourth quarter of 1977 rose 52 per cent to $59,265,000 compared with $38,868,000 in the fourth quarter of 1976.

Alex Lawrie Factors' prospects

A year of strong growth, with trading profits up 64 per cent to £697,543, is how the directors of Alex Lawrie Factors describe 1977 in the latest annual report.

Turnover growth during the year benefited particularly from the expansion of the company's own clients' businesses. This, say the directors, indicates an improvement in trading conditions for the small and medium-sized companies which are a significant proportion of Alex Lawrie Factors' portfolio.

"At a time when attention is increasingly being focused on the plight of the small business, it is satisfying to note the contributions that Alex Lawrie has been able to make by providing factoring services to this sector, enabling companies to seize the opportunities of expansion as they arise", state the directors.

The number of active clients at the end of the year was 286, compared with 225 at the beginning of the year.

Alex Lawrie has continued to develop and improve the export services during the year. By the end of the financial year over half the group's clients had taken advantage of these export services.

Weekly list of fixed interest stocks

	Latest price	Prev week
Alb & Wilson 7½ Deb '85-90	74	74
All Pkg Hldgs 9½ Ln '92-97	76	76
All Brew 6½ Deb 87-92	69½	69½
Do 7¼ Ln '93-98	72½	71½
Ass Bis 7½ Deb '90-95	69½	69½
AB Foods 8½ Ln '87-2002	24½xD	24½xD
Assoc Elec 6 Deb '78-85	84	83½
Do 6½ Deb '86-91	69½	69½
AP Cement 7 Deb '88-93	71½	72½
Do 9 Deb '92-97	85½	84½
BICC 7½ Deb '90-95	73½	72½
BOC Int 5½ Deb '81-86	75½	74½
Do 9 Tonnage 1988	91½	90½
Bank of Ireland 7 Ln '86-91	63½	63½
Barclays Bank 8½ '80-85	79½	79
Barclays Int 7½ Ln '86-91	75½	75½
Bass Char 5½ Ln '87-92	46½	46½
Do 7¼ Ln '92-97	72	71½
Do 8½ Deb '87-92	80	79½
Boocham 5½ Ln '78-83	82½	82½
Do 8½ Ln '84-94	80	80
Bibby 10½ Deb '94-99	83½	83½
Birmid Qual 7½ Ln '87-92	70½	70½
Boots 6 Ln '78-83	83½	81
Do 7½ '88-93	73½	73½
Bridon B Deb '88-93	76	75
Brit Am Tob 7 Ln '82-87	86	86
Brit Leyland 6 '98-2003	32½	32½
Do 7½ Ln '87-92	46½	46
Do 8 Ln '98-2003	42½	42½
Brit Petrol 5 Deb '74-78	98½	97½
Brit Shoe 7 '80-82	88½	89½
Brooke Bond 5½ Ln 2003-08	44	44
Do 7 2003-08	59½	60½
Burmah Oil 6½ Ln '78-81	77½	77½
Do 8½ Ln '91-96	60½	59½
Do 7½ Ln '81-86	66	66½
Burton Gp 9½ Ln '98-2003	74½	74
Cadbury-Schweppes 8½ Ln '94-2004	73½	73½
Do 9 '88-93	78	78
Coats Patons 4½ Ln 2002-07	38½	38½
Do 7½ '90-95	67½	68
Courage 6½ Ln 2004-09	55½	55½
Do 8 2nd Deb '89-94	55½	74½
Courtaulds 6½ Ln '94-96	60½	60½
Do 7 '92-97	76	75½
Do 7½ Deb '89-94	76	76
Debenham 6½ 2nd Deb	60½	60½
Do 6½ Ln '86-91	65½	65½
Do 7½ Ln 2002-07	65½	64½
Distillers 7½ Ln '88-93	80½	80½
Dunlop 6½ Deb '85-90	75½	75½
EMI 7 Ln '87-92	65½	65½
English Elec 6 Deb '80-85	80½	80
Esso 6 Deb '77-80	91½	91½
Fisons 6½ 2nd Deb '84-89	70½	68
Gallaher 6 Ln '85-95	75	75
Gen Acc 7½ '92-97	77	77
GEC 7½ '87-92	72½	72
Do 7½ '92-95	76½	76
Glaxo 7½ '85-95	34p	33½xP
Glynwed 10½ Ln '94-99	89½	92½
GUS 5½ Ln	40½	41
Do 7½ Ln '85-88	76½	76
Do 8½ Ln '93-98	73½	73
Hawker Sid 7½ Deb '87-92	73½	73½
ICI 6½ '94-2004	50½	50½
Do 7½ Ln '86-91	72	72½
Do 8 '88-93	74½	73½
Imperial Gp 4 Ln '78-88	88	88½
Do 7½ 2004-09	66½	66
Do 10½ Ln '90-95	90½	91
Initial Services 8 Ln '98-93	71½	71½
Int Stores 7½ Ln 2003-08	66½	67½
Laporte 10½ Deb '94-99	90½	87½
Lands Sec 8½ '92-97	74½	74½
Lewis's Inv Trust 6½ 2nd '85-90	60½	60½
Lucas Ind 7½ '85-88	80½	80½
MEPC 8 Ln 2000-05	65½	64½
Metal Box 10½ Ln '92-97	93	93½
Midland Bank 10½ Ln '95-98	94	96
Nat West Bank 9 Ln 1995	83½	84
Rank Havis 6½ Ln '76-81	87½	87½
Do 6½ Ln '85-88	70	71
Rocklt & Col 6½ Deb '85-90	70½	70½
Reed Int 7½ Deb '90-95	70½	70½
Reuald 7½ Ln '92-97	68½	68½
Ruzby Port Cem 6 '93-98	54½	55½
Sainsbury (J.) 7½ Deb '87-92	72½	75½
Scot Newcastle 5½ Deb '80-85	80½	80½
Do 7½ Deb '89-94	76	76
Slough Est 7½ Deb '85-90	72½	72½
Smith (W. H.) 5½ Ln '87-92	37½	37½
Sphere Deb '78-93	87½	87½
Do 7½ Deb '85-90	77	77
Tate & Lyle 7½ Deb '80-91	75½	75½
Thomson Org 5 Deb '64-89	57½	57
Do 7½ Ln '87-92	60½	60½
Tilling (T.) 8½ Ln '89-94	70½	70½
Tomkins Pur Deb 10½ '87-92	77½	77½
Do 7½ '85-90	70½	73
Truman Ltd 7½ Deb '88-93	72	72
Tube Investment 9 Ln '85-94	76	76
Turner & Newall 8 Ln '87-92	74½	74½
UDS 7½ Deb '85-90	72½	72½
Do 10½ Deb '92-94	93½	93½
Unigate 6½ Ln '91-96	62½	62½
Do 7½ Deb '86-91	76½	77½
Unilever 6½ Deb '85-88	72½	72½
Wagneg 7½ Ln '94-99	68	68½
Do 8 Ln '90-95	74	74
Whitbread 7½ Ln '95-99	65½	65½
Do 7½ Ln '96-2000	68½	69½

S CONVERTIBLES

Amest 8 '85-94	151	151
AB Foods 7½ '94-2004	197	197
BPB 7½ '89-94	146	147
Bowaine C. 1983	108	108
Brit Petrol 6 '76-86	90½	90½
Brittains 10½ '91-96	85	85
Grant Met 10 '91-96	119	122½
Guest Keen 6½ 1988	83	84
Ind and Gen 5½ '92-99	92	92
Lucas Ind 6½ 1980	111	111½
MEPC 5 '89-94	102	103
Midland Bank 7½ '85-95	91	88½
Ready Mixed 8½ 1978	113	115
Romney Tst 5½ '75-78	82½	82½
Stock Conv 5½ 1984	238	238
Temple Bar 5½ '85-90	96	98

xEx Dividend

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

International

Caterpillar Tractor's record 1977

Peoria, Illinois.—Caterpillar Tractor reports record consolidated sales and profit for 1977.

Consolidated profit was $445.1m (£231m) or $5.16 a share of common stock, 71 cents more than in 1976 and 52 cents more than the previous record of $.464 earned in 1975.

Sales of $5,850m were 16 per cent higher than in 1976.

The increase in sales resulted almost equally from a greater physical volume of shipments and from price increases implemented because of high inflationary costs for labour, materials and services. The increase of physical volume was the major factor contributing to the profit improvement.

Also contributing to the higher profit was the benefit of the company's cost reduction efforts including the close monitoring of inventories and strict controls on employment.

Partially offsetting these favourable factors says Caterpillar were:—Manufacturing costs incurred in some countries which translated into more United States dollars due to the strengthening of the local currency in relation to the United States dollar. This adversely affected profit when the product was sold for United States dollars.

Small advance at Airco

Montvale, New Jersey.—Airco Inc reports its fourth successive year of record sales and income.

Full-year 1977 net income was $55.5m, an increase of 2.8 per cent over 1976. Earnings per share were $4.70, slightly higher than the $4.68 earned in 1976.

Airco is an associate of BOC International which owns about 34 per cent of the shares. A tender offer by BOC for a further 1.8m shares, which would increase its stake to about 49 per cent closes today.

Net sales were $920.1m, an increase of 9.3 per cent over 1976. Airco's President, Mr Richard Giordano, commented that sales volume during 1977 increased in all lines of business. But the benefit from this higher sales volume was substantially offset by sharply reduced selling prices for Ferrolloys, higher costs in all lines of business and increased regulatory compliance and development expenses in the medical business.

He noted that all of the company's alloy product lines were subjected to severe price competition from imports throughout 1977.

Rockwell up 37 pc in first quarter

Rockwell International Corporation have reported a 37 per cent increase in earnings for the first quarter of the current year. They totalled $40.1m or $1.15 per share, compared to 1977's $29.3m or $0.85 per share.

Sales were 1,351m, a slight increase over sales of $1,348m in the first quarter a year ago. The quarterly rise reflected continuing earnings growth in the electronics businesses and in the utility and industrial operations which also benefited from a $5m net gain on a property sale.

Alcoa improves

Net income of Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) was $195.2m for 1977, or $5.58 a common share. This compares with net income of $143.8m or $4.14 a share, for 1976. Net income for 1977 includes a non-recurring loss of $6.4m or 18 cents a share resulting from the closing of the Cressona (PA) works in the United States in the second quarter. Alcoa's sales and operating revenues were $3,400m for 1977, compared with $2,900m for 1976.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	6½%
Barclays Bank	6½%
Consolidated Crdts	7½%
First London Secs	6½%
C. Hoare & Co	*6½%
Lloyds Bank	6½%
London Mercantile	6½%
Midland Bank	6½%
Nat Westminster	6½%
Rossminster Acc's	6½%
Shenley Trust	9½%
TSB	6½%
Williams and Glyn's	6½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 3½%, up to £25,000, 3¾%, over £25,000 4¼%.

Reviews take gloomy view of the outlook for non-ferrous metals

A gloomy view of the outlook for non-ferrous metals is taken in two recent reviews, those of Commodity Analysis and Amalgamated Metal Corporation.

For copper Commodity Analysis forecasts a possible rise of 65 cents per lb by mid-1978 due to supply coming into temporary balance with demand, the possibility of some *measures by the* Council of Copper Exporting countries (Cipec) to reduce production and the United States buying some copper.

AMC also forecasts a rise in price to about 65 cents per lb in the first half of the year but says that after mid-year a price fall is in prospect in the absence of a significant improvement in production discipline and further major closures.

The sharp fall in the price of copper since May, 1977, says AMC, is resulting in a profound reshaping of the copper producing industry as about 75 per cent of copper production *in the western world is operat*ing on a negative cash flow basis at prices of 56 cents per lb while for the private sector of the western world the percentage operating at a negative cash flow is approximately 85 per cent.

On tin there is general agreement *in the* market that the key factor is the possibility of the United States selling up to 50,000 tonnes from the stock held by the general Services Administration (GSA). AMC says that the reintroduction of Senator Dominici's Bill to permit this, which was narrowly defeated last October, is now likely to be early in the year *and that behind-the-scenes* bargaining should ensure its passage.

Based on a forecast of a net new supply shortfall of some 9,500 tonnes in 1978, it would appear, says AMC, that without significant releases from the GSA stockpile, a serious shortage could arise. There could be a further reduction in producer stocks, now standing at under 25,000 tonnes, but this is unlikely unless prices rise significantly.

AMC adds that governments of tin producing countries must be aware that further *rises in prices must result in* some substitution and it is therefore possible that these governments will support any moves to enable GSA releases to take place, although they will probably require assurances that no disruption of the market occurs.

Commodities

Against this background, some fall in tin prices must be expected this year, says AMC.

Chart Analysis believes that a formula agreeable to most parties on the United States Administration's contribution to the Fifth International Tin Agreement (a metal contribution of between 4,500 and 5,000 tonnes) may soon be ratified and that agreement may be reached sooner than many commentators realize on the sale of up to 30,000 tonnes from the GSA stockpile.

It is also possible, says Chart Analysis, that such sales, which will be effected over a period of time, may well have the support of some important tin producing countries "as there would appear to be a belated concern on the effect of price on consumption.

"In the meantime, tin prices may well rise further, but the trend of prices in 1978 is likely to be the reverse of that in 1977."

Both reviews take a bearish view on lead. Chart Analysis says that the exceptionally strong demand for lead from battery manufacturers in 1977 is unlikely to be repeated and furthermore by the spring car production in most countries should start to decline. The outlook is for a surplus of lead extending into 1979.

As historically small changes in the lead supply-demand balance have caused quite large movements in price, Chart Analysis forecasts lead prices being unable to hold £350 a tonne during the winter, with a fall to about £300 a tonne a distinct possibility.

AMC also thinks that a fall to under £300 a tonne is not inconceivable. They point out that a surplus of some 70,000 tonnes is forecast and that surpluses of this size in previous years have caused major declines in lead prices.

On zinc AMC says that there is little prospect of an appreciable increase in industrial construction in the western world to support improvements in the galvanizing market in 1978. Furthermore, a fall in car production in the western world of about 650,000 units, or 2 per cent, is forecast. In addition it is highly probable that there will be a further significant reduction in unit consumption of zinc in car usage.

"So we can see a surplus in supply of slab zinc of some 385,000 tonnes and it would seem likely that further closures in smelter and mine capacity are likely during the year. Further falls in zinc prices during 1978 would seem unavoidable."

Chart Analysis says that zinc will continue to be a surplus metal and purchases can be recommended only for trading purposes. The cut in the European producers' price and the difficulties of the Tara mine in Ireland will add to capacity being shut down.

None the less, mine production is likely to be higher again in 1978 adding to the smelters' difficulties of reducing output further.

Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Freight report

Outlook is gloomy for Gulf tankers

The plight of the tanker market worsened last week with yet another decline in rates. Levels for vlccs slipped back another point with worldscale 18.75 being paid by Focal for the 255,000 tonner Grand Brilliance for a Gulf to United Kingdom/continent voyage.

Few bookings were made for large tonnage out of the Gulf, so unless several vessels move into lay-up, or greater use is made of slow steaming the outlook for the surplus of tonnage available for spot fixing in the Gulf is gloomy.

This surplus, which is currently in the region of three million tons, already includes a number of vessels which have been waiting for at least a month.

Another example of the poor position of the market was provided by the forward fixing of a 280,000 tonner by the French company Elf to ship a 268,000 ton part cargo to Europe at worldscale 19. Despite the fact that the ship had to wait another two weeks before the cargo was ready, and it had already been waiting for over three weeks, the owner decided on having some firm business lined up rather than playing the market.

Texaco was also active in the market trying to meet ulcc requirements. Several vessels were rumoured as having been taken for this business but confirmation was not forthcoming as the week came to an end.

It was being reckoned that the rate for this charter would be between worldscale 15.5 and worldscale 16. Ironically at one stage the ship lined up was Arab owned.

Overall the market experienced a slack week. Of the other major loading areas the Caribbean was about the busiest. Brokers were naturally very pessimistic about the immediate future

David Robinson

More share prices

The following will be added to the London and Regional Share Price List tomorrow and will be published daily in Business News:

Commercial & Industrial
Dana Corporation
Talbex V. Group
Investment Trusts
Trans-Oceanic

Dealers pessimistic about dollar's future

Bond underwriters and dealers indicate that sentiment is still generally pessimistic *writes AP-Dow Jones*. At best, some market participants are predicting the Eurodollar bond prices will stabilize in the coming weeks in keeping with *what they hope will be a firmer* dollar.

However, others point out that none of the fundamental factors affecting the dollar's performance in the exchange market have changed. The United States current account deficit for trade in goods and services this year is still expected to exceed last year's estimated $17,500m.

International banks are still under considerable pressure to increase their medium-term Eurocurrency lending to make up in volume what they have lost by trimming lending margins. Though such lending totalled about the equivalent of $40,100m last year, analysts say the amount this year could well approach the same level and indirectly contribute to the sur*plus of dollars* in the foreign exchange market.

And, of course, capital flows are a major influence on trade patterns because corporate treasurers often try to build up liquidity in strong currencies by accelerating exports and delaying imports in those countries were they want to build up balances.

This explains why Switzerland, which traditionally runs a trade deficit, has been earning a trade surplus recently despite a prolonged and substantial rise in the Swiss franc, analysts argue.

In all, most market participants reckon that the ability of the New York Federal Reserve Bank or other central banks to influence foreign exchange rates for any length of time is limited because of the limited resources of central banks in relation to the large multinational companies.

Indeed, some analysts say that the only proven cure for a weak currency is deflation of the internal economy, accompanied by high interest rates. At least, Britain in 1976 and France in earlier years were able to strengthen their currencies by taking such steps.

Euromarkets

So far, there is no sign that the United States Administra*tion intends to adopt a* deflationary policy though it has shown a willingness to jack up interest rates to moderate the dollar's decline.

While prices of Eurodollar bonds rose this week as the dollar firmed somewhat, dealers generally attributed the improvement in both markets to a technical correction from "oversold" conditions.

In the primary market, which represents a better indication of the real appetite of investors for bonds, Eurodollar issues were quite weak while issues denominated in Deutsche marks were generally firm despite a large amount of offerings.

In the Swiss bond market, a 130m franc, 15-year bond issue of Citicorp Overseas Finance Corp NV put in an astounding performance in aftermarket, trading at 105, after being priced at 101 on a skimpy 4.25 per cent annual coupon. At 105, the market yield to maturity came to 3.77 per cent.

If it were not for widespread distrust of the dollar, such a yield would be derisory. For example, Citicorp has Eurodollar notes outstanding with about 2.75 years left to run. At the current market price of 97, the 6.75 per cent notes were yielding 7.99 per cent or 4.22 percentage points higher than its 15-year Swiss issue.

One banker commented that foreign investors are so desperate to get Swiss francs that they are "treating the currency like a commodity".

Reflecting diversification of proceeds from dollar bond portfolios, a 12 million European unit of account, 15-year issue of Kommunlaneinstitutet AB, a Swedish municipal financing agency, was about 11 times oversubscribed even though the syndicate manager, Kredietbank Luxembourgeoise, lowered the coupon rate a quarter point to 7.75 per cent.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

Capitalisation £000's	Company	Price last Friday	Change on week	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
2,050	Airsprung Ord	41	+2	4.2	10.8	7.3
350	Airsprung 18½% CULS	140	—	18.4	13.2	—
900	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.3	9.2	15.3
4,338	Bardon Hill	142	—	12.0	8.5	9.8
2,685	Deborah Ord	100	–1	5.1	5.1	8.1
211	Deborah 17% culs	211	—	17.5	8.0	—
19,936	Frederick Parker	138	–2	11.5	8.3	6.7
1,200	Jackson Group	48	+2	5.0	10.4	5.6
15,181	James Burrough	110	–2	6.0	5.5	10.1
3,264	Robert Jenkins	320	—	27.0	8.4	5.4
3,419	Twinlock Ord	16	—	—	—	—
2,129	Twinlock 12% ULS	78	+3	12.0	15.4	—
2,221	Unilock Holdings	74	—	7.0	9.5	9.2
369	Walter Alexander	85	+1	6.4	7.5	6.3

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)

	Offer price	Redptn yld
Australia 7½ 1984	95¼	8.47
Australia 8¾ 1992	95⅝	8.77
Aust Mining 9½ 1992	97⅝	9.54
Avco 9½ 1983	99¾	9.51
Barclays 8½ 1993	97	8.87
Bowater 9½ 1992	97	9.64
British Gas 9 1981	102¼	8.22
Citicorp 6¾ 1980	96¼	8.26
Citicorp 7 1981	96¼	8.20
CECA 8¼ 1989	96¼	8.74
CECA 8¾ 1997	97	9.08
DSM 8¼ 1987	97	8.72
Elf Aquitaine 8¾ 1985	96½	8.86
EIB 8¾ 1987	98	8.36
EEC 7¾ 1984	96¼	8.55
Fisons 8¾ 1992	95	9.39
Gotaverken 7¾ 1982	98¼	8.10
Gotaverken 8¼ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hydro Quebec 9 1992	95¼	9.55
ICI 8¼ 1987	97	8.72
IU O'seas 8¼ 1987	97	9.23
Light-Servicos 9 1983	97¼	9.71
MacMillan Bloed 9 1992	97	9.38
Midland Int 8¾ 1992	97¼	9.09
NCB 8 1987	94¼	8.85
Nat West 9 1986	102¾	8.53
New Zealand DFC 7¾ 1984	95	8.78
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	99¼	8.25
Occidental 8¾ 1987	97¼	9.15
Occidental 9¾ 1981	102¼	8.79
Offshore Mining 8¾ 1985	94	9.00
Quebec 9 1993	95½	9.50
Rank Hovis 9 1992	94¾	9.68
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	98¼	7.91
Sandvik 9½ 1986	99¾	9.04
Statsforetag 7¾ 1982	96¼	8.72
Sundstrand 8¾ 1987	99¼	8.87
Sweden 7¾ 1982	98	8.05
Sweden 8¾ 1987	95¾	8.93
Tauernautobahn 8¾ 1987	97	8.72
Walter Kidde 8¾ 1983	97¼	8.97
FLOATING RATE NOTES	**Offer Price**	**Redptn yld**
Andelsbanken 7¼ 1984	98¼	8.21
CCF 6¾ 1985	99½	6.50
IBJ 7 1982	99¼	6.50
LTCB 6¾ 1982	99¼	7.06
OKB 6¾ 1985	99¼	6.93
Soc Gen 7 9/16 1984	98¼	7.97
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9½ 1982	99¼	9.71
BM-Rt 8¾ 1982	93¾	9.20

	Offer price	Conv prem
Ford 8¾ 1984	98¼	8.78
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	99¾	9.05
Rank 9¼ 1982	100¼	9.35
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	99¼	9.60
DEUTSCHE MARKS		
CFP 6¼ 1.7.84	105¼	5.79
ICI 6½ 1.5.87	105¾	5.93
New Zealand 6¾ 1.5.84	106	5.13
Phyrn 6¾ 1.9.87	102¼	5.98
Quebec Hydro 6¾ 16.8.87	101¾	6.29
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¾ 1987	80¼	45.26
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	93¼	18.84
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	107¼	9.29
Beecham 6¾ 1992	99¼	–1.87
Borden 6¾ 1991	103¾	5.50
Carnation 4 1988	78¼	40.00
Chevron 5 1988	114	0.84
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	86	68.41
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	81	54.37
Ford 5 1988	82¼	7.14
Ford 6 1986	95	10.46
General Electric 4¾ 1987	81	41.04
Gillette 4¾ 1987	73	55.12
Gould 5 1987	115¼	–0.91
Gulf & Western 5 1988	77	34.69
Honeywell 6 1986	86¼	135.34
ICI 6¾ 1997	86¼	3.56
INA 6 1997	95¾	17.79
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	[illegible]	–0.04
ITT 4¾ 1987	76¼	46.99
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	155¼	100.36
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	119¼	–3.06
JP Morgan 4¼ 1987	76¼	–3.77
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	100	7.16
J C Penney 4¼ 1987	76¼	139.76
Revlon 4¾ 1987	110	5.05
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	87¼	27.47
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	85	22.15
Squibb 4¼ 1987	79	94.72
Sumitomo Electric 6 1992	126	0.70
Texaco 4¾ 1988	78¼	32.96
Union Bank of Switz 4½ 1987	132¼	4.24
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	79¼	46.07
Xerox Corp 5 1988	78	136.55

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

FT Index change on week 487.7+6.8 (1.4%)

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
34.3	+0.3	Abbey Capital	32.9	34.6	3.91
47.7	+0.5	Abbey General	45.3	48.2	3.69
40.3	–0.3	Do Income	38.2	40.6	5.41
34.7	–0.2	Do Invest	32.4	34.5	4.30
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd. Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1 Y4TT 01-588 6371			
78.0	..	Alben Trust (3)	72.5	76.0	4.11
66.6	..	Do Inc (3)	61.8	66.6	6.47
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
74.6	+0.9	Allied Capital	70.7	75.5	4.15
69.2	+0.9	Do 1st	65.1	70.1	5.19
66.8	+0.8	Brit Ind 2nd	63.2	67.6	5.25
38.9	+0.6	Growth & Inc	37.0	39.5	5.06
33.9	+0.5	Elec & Ind Dev	32.2	34.4	4.54
39.4	+0.6	Met Min & Cmdty	37.5	40.0	5.72
65.4	+0.9	High Income	62.1	66.3	8.76
39.9	+0.6	Equity Income	37.9	40.5	6.79
22.7	+0.1	International	21.9	23.4	2.45
71.4	+0.9	High Yield Fnd	67.7	72.3	7.74
110.2	+1.6	Hambro Fnd	104.1	111.8	5.09
91.5	+2.6	Do Recovery	88.1	94.1	4.75
36.5	..	Do Smaller	33.2	35.5	4.92
124.2	+1.9	Do Accum	119.1	128.1	4.13
43.6	+0.5	2nd Smaller	41.3	44.1	5.10
45.5	+1.1	Secs of America	43.9	46.9	3.19
31.1	+1.1	Pacific Fnd	30.1	32.2	3.20
55.1	+0.6	Overseas Fnd	52.2	55.7	5.05
216.3	+2.7	Exempt Smaller	210.0	221.0	4.47
		Arbuthnot Securities Ltd. 37 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BY 01-236 5281			
121.9	+0.1	Extra Income	112.8	122.0	10.20
44.3	–0.1	High Income	40.8	44.3	9.93
59.1	+0.4	Do Accum	55.6	59.5	8.93
59.1	+0.4	10% W'draw	55.0	59.5	8.93
27.4	+0.2	Pref Fund	25.8	27.6	12.00
40.7	+0.2	Do Accum (1)	38.0	40.9	12.00
20.9	–0.1	Capital Fund	18.9	20.5	..
55.1	+0.3	Commodity (5)	51.9	56.0	5.03
78.6	–0.4	Do Accum (5)	73.2	79.0	5.03
50.2	+0.3	10% W'draw (5)	46.8	50.5	5.03
19.5	–0.5	Arb Fin & Prop	17.6	19.0	3.07
41.9	+0.7	Giants Fund	39.5	42.6	3.56
49.3	+0.9	Do Accum	45.5	49.1	3.36
36.2	+0.4	Growth Fund	34.3	36.6	3.22
42.6	+0.5	Do Accum	39.8	43.1	3.22
22.1	–0.4	E & Int Fund	20.1	21.7	1.59
18.1	–0.4	6% W'draw (2)	16.4	17.7	1.95
25.9	+0.6	N Amer Int (4)	24.5	26.5	1.00
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd. 252 6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544			
29.8	+0.6	Unicorn Amer	28.3	30.4	2.90
45.1	+2.5	Aust Income	44.6	47.6	3.44
56.8	+1.2	Do Accum	55.2	60.0	3.44
69.6	+1.2	Unicorn Capital	64.9	69.4	4.37
110.9	–1.9	Exempt	109.3	112.9	5.90
30.1	+0.4	Extra Income	28.4	30.5	7.93
63.0	+1.2	Financial	59.4	64.2	5.00
75.5	+0.9	Unicorn '500'	70.7	75.5	5.75
32.3	–0.6	General	30.6	32.9	6.00
42.9	+0.7	Growth Accum	40.3	43.6	3.96
85.0	+1.2	Income	83.0	89.2	6.29
43.7	+0.7	Recovery	40.7	44.0	5.49
119.1	–1.5	Trustee	113.4	120.6	4.93
47.2	+1.2	Worldwide	45.0	48.10	1.97
64.4	+0.5	B'tvl Inv Fnd	62.3	64.9	4.25
73.3	+0.6	Do Accum	70.0	72.9	4.25
		Bridge Fund Managers Ltd. 5-9 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
118.4	+1.2	Dir Fnd	112.3	119.6	7.86
229.4	–2.3	Do Accum	208.2	221.7	7.86
49.2	–0.6	Euro & Gen Inc	46.3	49.5	3.63
59.4	–0.3	Extra Yield	53.3	58.7	8.11
114.9	–0.4	Do Accum	108.3	115.3	8.11
39.6	–0.3	Far East Inc	36.5	38.9	3.37
43.0	+0.3	Do Accum	39.8	43.3	3.37
61.4	–0.6	FITS	56.6	60.8	4.45
73.1	–0.7	Do Accum	67.9	73.0	4.45
167.2	+0.7	General Tst	156.2	167.9	5.84
255.3	+1.0	Do Accum	238.4	256.3	5.84
104.9	+0.7	High Income	98.1	105.5	8.22
170.6	+1.1	Do Accum	161.2	171.7	8.22
118.7	+4.3	Japan & Gen Inc	115.9	124.0	1.37
191.9	–1.5	Magnum Fnd	178.8	190.4	4.26
235.1	–1.7	Do Accum	222.9	237.4	4.26
168.6	–0.1	Mid & Gen	155.6	165.7	6.90
252.1	–0.1	Do Accum	252.2	268.6	6.90
33.3	–0.5	NAACIF	..	32.8	8.53
123.3	–1.7	Do Accum	..	121.6	8.53
131.9	–3.2	Pension (1)	122.0	128.7	8.83
82.0	+0.7	Recovery Inc	77.1	82.7	4.53
170.3	+0.2	Second Gen	160.1	170.5	4.90
234.6	+0.2	Do Accum	239.2	254.8	4.90
159.1	–1.2	Special Trst	148.5	158.2	4.14
194.5	–1.6	Do Accum	184.1	196.1	4.14
146.7	+1.1	Trustee Fnd	140.1	147.3	6.31
272.2	+4.4	Do Accum	264.2	278.6	6.31
		Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S1 3RD. 0742-79842			
25.6	+0.3	Capital	24.2	25.9	3.79
27.6	+0.3	Do Accum	26.1	27.9	3.79
58.5	–1.2	Commodity	55.8	60.0	6.03
66.5	–1.3	Do Accum	63.3	68.1	6.03
34.1	+1.0	Growth	33.4	35.7	3.43

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Stock Market Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 16. Dealings End, Jan 27. § Contango Day, Jan 30. Settlement Day, Feb 7.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days
(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
1300m	Treas 9½% 1978	100½	..	9.455	5.410
500m	Treas 10½% 1975	102½	-⅛	10.244	5.7[illegible]
400m	Exch 5½% 1976-78	99¾	+⅛	5.022	5.647
1300m	Treas 11½% 1979	104⅛	-⅛	10.979	7.0[illegible]
850m	Treas 3% 1979	95¼	-⅛	3.150	6.077
273m	Elec 4½% 1974-79	96¼	-⅛	4.410	6.853
1300m	Treas 10½% 1979	104⅛	-1/16	10.087	7.[illegible]
250m	Elec 3½% 1976-79	95¼	-⅛	3.665	6.264
1000m	Treas Cnv 9½% 1980	101¾	-⅛	8.850	8.[illegible]
1100m	Treas 9½% 1980	102¼	-⅛	9.278	8.[illegible]
252m	Treas 3½% 1977-80	94½	-⅛	3.716	6.123
400m	Fund 5½% 1978-80	95½	-⅛	5.206	7.327
800m	Exch 13½% 1980	109⅝	-⅛	11.929	9.275
600m	Treas 11½% 1981	105⅛	-⅛	10.913	9.285
443m	Treas 3½% 1979-81	91¼	-⅛	3.830	6.661
800m	Treas 9½% 1981	100⅝	-⅛	9.671	9.444
500m	Exch 8¼% 1981	96⅝	-⅛	8.522	9.368
900m	Exch 9½% 1981	100¼	-⅛	9.485	9.477
600m	Exch 3% 1981	87¾	-⅛	3.419	6.928
600m	Exch 12¼% 1981	109⅛	-⅛	11.625	9.654
851m	Treas 8¼% 1980-82	94	-⅛	8.674	9.109
400m	Treas 3% 1982	85¼	-⅛	3.504	7.131
600m	Treas 14% 1982	114⅞	-⅛	12.190	9.776
800m	Treas 8¼% 1982	95⅛	-⅛	8.622	9.468
800m	Exch 9¼% 1982	98⅝	-⅛	9.367	9.382
600m	Exch 3% 1983	82½	-⅛	3.643	7.214
600m	Treas 12% 1983	113¼	-⅛	10.603	9.828
800m	Treas 9½% 1983	98½	-⅛	9.417	9.694
500m	Fund 5½% 1982-84	88⅛	-⅛	6.213	8.015
1300m	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	95⅝	-⅛	8.596	9.276
759m	Fund 6½% 1985-87	86½	-⅛	7.658	8.853
500m	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	88½	-⅛	8.778	9.596
1000m	Trans 3% 1978-88	67¼	-⅛	4.474	7.839
400m	Treas 5% 1986-89	73⅞	-⅛	6.887	8.509
800m	Treas 13% 1990	113⅝	-⅛	11.472	10.977
600m	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	87⅝	-⅛	9.444	10.059
800m	Treas 11¾% 1991	104¼	-⅛	11.253	11.087
400m	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	73⅝	-⅛	8.000	9.342
600m	Treas 12¾% 1992	110⅝	-⅛	11.531	11.235
600m	Treas 10% 1992	95⅝	● ..	10.707	10.933
600m	Exch 12¼% 1992	108⅞	● ..	12.412	11.361
1000m	Treas 12½% 1993	108⅛	-⅛	11.491	11.392
400m	Fund 6% 1993	73½	-⅛	8.699	9.931
1000m	Treas 13¾% 1993	118⅝	-⅛	11.892	11.499
800m	Treas 14½% 1994	127⅛	-⅛	11.921	11.721
1000m	Exch 13½% 1994	107⅞	● ..	12.338	11.375
400m	Treas 9% 1994	88⅝	..	10.721	10.[illegible]
1000m	Treas 12¾% 1995	105⅞	● ..	11.729	11.254
214m	Gas 3% 1990-95	56⅝	-⅛	5.948	8.542
800m	Treas 12¾% 1995	112¼	-⅛	11.597	11.424
600m	Treas 9% 1992-96	89⅞	-⅛	10.498	10.754
1250m	Treas 15¼% 1996	130	-⅛	12.019	11.098
800m	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	-⅛	11.872	11.479
41m	Rdmptn 3% 1986-96	49¾	-⅛	6.211	8.673
1500m	Treas 13¼% 1997	112⅞	-⅛	11.667	11.480
900m	Exch 10½% 1997	94½	● ..	11.016	11.059
500m	Treas 8¾% 1997	87	-⅛	10.122	10.510
1000m	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	70¼	-⅛	9.725	10.421
1000m	Treas 15½% 1998	131	-⅛	12.009	11.725
600m	Treas 9½% 1999	87⅛	-⅛	10.641	10.802
443m	Fund 3½% 1999-04	41⅞	-⅛	8.103	9.858
600m	Treas 8% 2002-06	79⅛	-⅛	10.297	10.548
1000m	Treas 5½% 2008-12	54⅝	-⅛	10.032	10.299
600m	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	71⅜	● -⅛	10.345	10.429
562m	Consols 4%	38¼	..	10.473	..
1900m	War Ln 3½%	35¼	-⅛	9.693	..
250m	Conv 3½%	39¼	-⅛	9.296	..
59m	Treas 3%	28¼	-⅛	11.074	..
276m	Consols 2½%	24¼	..	10.641	..
475m	Treas 2½% Aft 75	22¼	..	11.087	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
12m	Aust 5½% 75-78	101¾	+¼	5.408	6.575
22m	Aust 5½% 77-80	93	+¼	5.901	8.537
20m	Aust 5½% 81-82	85¾	..	6.348	9.469
10m	Aust 6% 81-83	85¾	..	7.008	9.843
14m	Aust 7% 79-81	95	+½	7.375	9.386
—	Chilean Mixed	98	..	..	..
5m	E Africa 5½% 77-83	75½	-½	7.315	12.877
—	German 4½% 1930	240	..	..	..
—	Hungary 4½% 1924	40	..	..	..
—	Ireland 7½% 81-83	89	-½	..	..
2m	Jamaica 7½% 77-79	96	-½	8.072	10.907
—	Japan Ass 4% 1910	275	..	..	..
—	Japan 6% 83-88	81	..	..	..
4m	Kenya 5% 78-82	76	● ..	6.353	12.695
7m	Malaya 7½% 78-82	84	● ..	8.851	12.881
12m	N Z 6% 76-80	96½	..	6.170	9.103
14m	N Z 7½% 88-92	79¼	..	9.965	10.951
12m	N Z 7½% 83-86	87¼	+¼	8.010	9.316
3m	N Rhd 6% 78-81	89	..	6.740	10.432
1m	Nyasa 6% 78-81	89	..	6.740	10.433
—	Peru 6% Ass	155	..	..	..
5m	S Africa 9½% 79-81	94	..	..	..
20m	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	82	-8	..	..
8m	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	57	-8	..	..
5m	S Rhd 6% 78-81	88	-2	..	..
—	Spanish 4%	45	..	..	..
4m	Tang 5½% 78-82	80½	..	7.336	12.739
—	Uruguay 3½%	93	+3	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
26m	L C C 3% 1920	26	+¼	11.547	..
25m	L C C 5% 80-83	83¼	-¼	6.685	9.447
25m	L C C 5½% 77-81	92¾	-¼	5.929	7.853
30m	L C C 5½% 82-84	83¼	..	6.605	8.986
25m	L C C 5½% 85-87	74¾	..	7.462	9.872
20m	L C C 6% 76-79	96½	..	6.199	8.220
25m	L C C 6% 88-90	77	..	8.774	10.058
40m	G L C 6½% 90-92	71½	● ..	9.278	10.642
25m	G L C 9½% 80-82	98	..	9.689	10.027
75m	G L C 12½% 1982	108¼	● ..	11.757	10.643
100m	G L C 12½% 1983	106½	● ..	11.661	10.765
12m	C of L 6¾% 75-78	99¼	+¼	6.520	7.040
26m	C of L 6½% 80-82	87¼	-¼	7.404	9.953
21m	Ag Mt 7½% 81-84	91½	-¼	8.722	10.117
20m	Ag Mt 7½% 91-93	76¾	-¼	10.435	11.321
12m	Ag Mt 6½% 85-90	73	-¼	9.369	10.969
30m	Belfast 6½% 77-80	91¼	..	7.102	10.030
5m	Brighton 6½% 76-79	98¼	..	6.612	7.980
15m	Camden 6½% 77-80	88½	..	6.279	7.629
15m	Croydon 6½% 78-81	90	..	7.494	9.943
10m	Edin 6½% 77-79	98¼	● ..	6.335	7.290
20m	Glasgow 9½% 80-82	97	..	9.530	10.084
20m	Gwich 6½% 78-79	99¼	..	6.762	7.120
30m	Liverpl 13½% 1981	109½	● -¼	12.346	10.287
27m	Met Water B 34-03	33	+½	9.414	11.093
15m	N I 6½% 73-80	89	..	7.299	13.061
20m	N I 7½% 82-84	84	+¼	8.449	10.854
5m	N I Elec 6½% 81-83	85½	+¼	7.804	10.834
5m	Notts 6½% 76-78	99¼	..	6.770	7.331
5m	Sthend 5½% 77-79	97½	● -¼	5.390	7.818
10m	Swark 6½% 83-86	83½	..	8.203	9.824
12m	Surrey 6½% 78-80	94½	..	6.364	8.978

Investment Dollar Premium 78½% (77¾%). Premium Conversion Factor 0.7556.

FOREIGN STOCKS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
1,331.8m	Bayer	£43	+2	197	4.6	19.0
—	Commerzbank	£14½	+½	44.2	3.1	16.5
281.6m	Cp Fr Paris	£19½	+1¼	187	9.5	6.4
229.2m	EBES	£49½	+1	281	6.0	..
276.4m	Ericsson	£19½	+1½	69.2	3.5	21.9
—	Finsider	7	+½	..	..	..
39.8m	Granges	£8¼	+¾	..	..	..
—	Hoechst	415	+30	19.7	4.7	14.3
—	Montecatini E	10	+1	..	..	..
—	Robeco fl.5	500	+28	29.7	5.9	26.6
449.7m	Rolinco Subs fl 5	347	+22	..	..	44.8
13.6m	Snia Viscosa	32	+2	..	..	..
—	Thyssen-Huette	735	+35	..	..	13.5
—	Volkswagen	£67½	+1½	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
229.3m	Brascan	£8¼	+¼	57.4g	6.7	3.8
—	BP Canada	£9¾	-½	..	..	..
743.4m	Can Pac Ord	£10¾	+¼	47.8	4.5	8.0
293.1m	El Paso	£10¾	+¾	41.7	3.9	20.2
—	Exxon Corp	£25¾	-1½	..	..	..
347.7m	Fluor	£22⅞	+1¼	63.7	2.8	10.1
—	Hollinger	£19⅜	+⅞	..	..	..
508.8m	Hud Bay Oil	£27¾	-2⅛	28.9	1.0	82.3
—	Husky Oil	£16¾	+1¾	..	..	..
435.0m	INCO	£10⅛	+¼	56.3	5.4	6.8
239.5m	IU Int	£7½	+⅛	52.4	7.0	10.3
383.0m	Kaiser Alum	£19¼	+1½	81.4	4.1	..
168.5m	Massey-Ferg	£9¾	-½	58.1	6.3	2.7
634.3m	Norton Simon	£12⅝	+½	43.7	3.5	10.1
—	Pacific Petrol	£24¾	-2	..	..	..
—	Pan Canadian	£29⅝	+1⅝	..	..	..
—	Steep Rock	144	+14	..	..	..
—	Trans Can P.	£9	+½	..	..	..
—	US Steel	£21¼	+1¼	..	..	..
13.7m	White Pass	725	..	15.9	2.2	21.0
247.2m	Zapata Corp	£11½	-¼	15.7	1.4	5.8

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
14.0m	Alexs Discount	280	+15	22.0	7.9	55.0
8,367,000	Allen H & Ross	510	..	46.5	9.1	9.1
99.9m	Allied Irish	186	+4	10.0b	5.0	5.8
11.2m	Arb-Latham	165	..	14.3	8.7	11.3
193.3m	ANZ Grp	267	+30	11.6b	4.3	6.8
2,174.2m	Bank America	£14¼	+1¼	49.0	3.3	11.5
123.0m	Bk of Ireland	355	..	20.1b	5.7	6.7
92.4m	Bk Leumi Israel	19	..	11.2	58.7	1.7
3,400,000	Bk Leumi UK	170	..	11.2	6.6	14.9
271.3m	Bk of NSW	400	+10	18.6	4.7	8.6
101.8m	Bk of Scotland	315	..	16.5	5.2	8.2
251.2m	Bnks Trst NY	£23¾	+¼	175	7.4	8.6
700.0m	Barclays Bank	347	+6	15.4	4.5	8.6
11.5m	Brown Shipley	210	+5	14.0	6.7	7.8
11.7m	Cater Ryder	310	+2	26.6	8.6	..
625.2m	Chase Man	£19½	-1½	128	6.6	9.3
1,350.2m	Citicorp	£14½	+¼	61.7	4.3	7.7
12.3m	Clive Discount	82	+2	7.2	8.3	9.3
322.6m	Com Bk of Aust	183	+8	10.2	5.6	8.5
33.6m	Com Bk of Syd	125	+5	8.3	6.6	..
93.4m	CC De France	£14⅝	-⅛	131	8.8	10.5
3,850,000	First Nat Fin	3	..	..	..	..
6,242,000	Fraser Ans	11½	-½	..	..	..
29.0m	Gerrard & Nat	154	+6	12.4	6.4	8.5
8,470,000	Gibbs A.	44	-1	3.0	6.8	16.5
6,930,000	Gillett Bros	230	+2	23.4	9.9	6.1
40.2m	Grindlays Hldgs	116	..	4.6	3.9	6.3
69.3m	Guinness Peat	206	-4	15.1	7.3	10.2
7,200,000	Hambros fl0	£13	..	144	8.0	..
35.2m	Do Ord	207	-3	14.4	7.0	6.0
36.9m	Hill Samuel	97	+2	6.7	6.9	8.5
1,033.0m	Hong K & Shang	266	+22	7.7b	3.1	21.2
3,441,000	Jessel Toynbee	80	..	6.2	7.7	..
4,731,000	Joseph L.	130	..	12.0	6.7	8.9
24.1m	Keyser Ullmann	47	+1	0.5	1.1	..
8,300,000	King & Shaxson	70	+8	5.1	7.3	6.8
61.2m	Kleinwort Ben	114	+2	5.9	5.1	9.5
481.5m	Lloyds Bank	290	-1	13.2	4.5	5.9
35.6m	Mercury Secs	131	-2	5.1	3.9	6.5
529.0m	Midland	400	+9	20.6	5.1	6.9
30.5m	Minster Assets	60	-½	5.3b	8.9	8.7
227.2m	Nat of Aust	193	+11	8.7	4.5	7.8
192.0m	Nat Com Bk Grp	81	+2	4.0	4.9	6.0
653.2m	Nat W'minster	285	+4	16.5	5.8	6.9
19.5m	Ottoman	£19	..	250	6.4	11.0
6,274,000	Rea Bros	53	-1	2.4	3.8	13.3
250.8m	Royal of Can	£15⅞	-⅛	68.8	4.3	19.3
33.5m	Schroders	430	-10	15.7	3.6	15.7
3,700,000	Seccombe Mar	250	..	18.7	7.5	7.4
8,077,000	Smith St Aubyn	84	+3	7.3	8.7	..
293.7m	Standard Chart	425	+2	27.6	6.5	4.1
35.2m	Union Discount	470	+23	32.4	6.9	19.2
4,375,000	Wintrust	65	..	4.6	7.0	25.9

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
460.4m	Allied	87½	● -½	6.0a	6.8	11.2
410.5m	Bass Charrgton	149	-3	7.3	4.9	10.0
2,521,000	Belhaven Grp	42	-2	..	..	..
77.1m	Bell A.	232	-2	7.4	3.2	9.2
21.2m	Boddingtons	142	+2	5.9	4.2	13.1
13.2m	Brown M.	108	..	5.9	5.5	12.6
11.9m	Buckley's Brew	136	+1	4.9	3.6	8.0
6,606,000	Burtonwood	136	-3	4.5	3.1	10.9
28.6m	C of Ldn Dfd	60	● -1	3.8	6.1	23.6
5,260,000	Devenish	162	-2	8.9	5.5	8.6
631.2m	Distillers	174	-5	9.9	5.7	11.0
29.8m	Glenlivet Dist	590	h -5	6.4	1.3	12.5
47.5m	Greenall	106	+1	4.0	3.7	10.7
22.9m	Greene King	223	● +3	10.9	4.9	12.5
164.8m	Guinness	158	+2	10.6	6.7	9.0
5,730,000	Hardys & H'sons	143	● ..	10.6	7.4	9.6
40.4m	Highland	158	+5	4.4	2.8	23.5
18.9m	Invergordon	97	+2	3.2	3.3	11.7
29.6m	Irish Distillers	123	-1	5.4	4.3	19.5
14.0m	Marston	55	-2	2.7	4.9	8.5
197.9m	Scot & Newcastle	69	-½	4.9	7.1	15.1
464.5m	Seagram	£13¾	-¼	45.7	3.3	10.1
135.7m	SA Breweries	60	..	6.3	10.8	4.2
3,342,000	Tomatin	103	-1	4.1	4.0	30.2
26.7m	Vaux	390	-10	24.4	6.2	10.1
197.9m	Whitbread 'A'	92½	+1½	5.6	6.0	10.5
10.2m	Do B	92	..	5.6	6.0	10.6
17.6m	Whitbread Inv	84	-2	5.7	6.8	23.1
37.9m	Wolverhampton	198	-1	8.7	4.4	11.7

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
16.5m	AAH	119	-4	8.3	7.1	5.7
3,593,000	AP Electronic	104	-4	7.6	7.1	7.4
700,000	AT Cars	39	..	1.5	3.8	9.5
5,691,000	AGB Research	99	+5	3.5	3.9	14.7
60.0m	APV Hldgs	217	-5	8.1	3.8	8.6
22.5m	Aaronson Bros	61	-1	2.8	4.6	6.9
1,356,000	Acrow	116	+1	3.6	3.1	13.2
12.4m	Do A	99	-2	3.6	4.1	10.1
7,816,000	Adda Int	34½	-4½	0.8	1.9	..
21.1m	Adwest Group	258	-14	15.2	5.9	7.1
912,000	Aeronc & Gen	57	..	3.5	6.1	10.2
13.2m	Airfix Ind	81	..	4.6	5.0	6.7
17.2m	Albright & W	105	+4	6.5	6.2	6.5
7,240,000	Alcan 10½%	£90½	+1	1050	11.6	..
27.0m	Do 9% Cnv	£142	+27	900	6.3	..
16.0m	Alginate Ind	295	+12	19.7	6.7	10.9
12.0m	Allen E. Balfour	61	+2	6.6	10.8	..
1,807,000	Allen W. G.	54	..	3.9	7.2	6.0
30.7m	Allied Colloids	73	-9	2.4	3.3	12.9
5,940,000	Allied Insulators	66	+5	5.3	8.0	8.0
1,300,000	Allied Plant	15	+1½	1.1	7.1	9.8
9,458,000	Allied Polymer	50	h ..	3.4	6.7	24.5
16.7m	Allied Retailers	194	+8	13.2	6.8	9.3
4,300,000	Alpine Hldgs	43	-1	2.5	5.8	25.7
17.4m	Amal Metal	277	..	21.5	7.7	5.4
17.5m	Amal Power	130	+3	8.0	6.2	7.3
4,245,000	Amber Day	40	-4½	3.0	7.6	8.7
417,000	Amber Ind Hldgs	16	..	0.5a	4.7	2.4
1,592,000	Anchor Chem	70	..	6.0	8.5	7.8
7,173,000	Anglia TV 'A'	84	-5	6.3	7.5	6.3
120.3m	Anglo Amer Ind	450	-20	42.9	9.5	4.2
890,000	Ang Swiss Hldgs	34	+1	..e	..	..
4,950,000	Appleyard	91	+6	6.7	7.4	8.0
6,337,000	Aquascutum 'A'	39	-1½	2.1	5.4	8.8
4,975,000	Arlington Mtr	121	+1	11.7	9.7	9.2
13.6m	Armitage Shanks	75	+2	6.5	8.6	10.9
71.9m	Arnott Equip	65	+5	3.1	4.7	11.1
122,000	Aspro Gp... Pf	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
35.5m	Ass Biscuit	94	-2	4.8	5.7	8.1
6,045,000	Ass Book	170	..	6.1	3.6	7.5
251.1m	Ass Brit Food	62	● -1	3.3	5.5	6.3
112.9m	Ass Engineer	122	-1½	7.1	5.8	6.3
12.4m	Ass Fisheries	71	+12	1.9	2.7	14.3
15.3m	Ass Leisure	59½	+5	4.2	7.2	10.9
50.4m	Ass News	166	+1	8.1	4.9	9.5
5,075,000	Ass Paper	57	+6½	4.4	7.7	5.6
214.6m	Ass Port Cement	255	+2	13.1	5.0	8.7
57.9m	Ass Tel 'A'	112	+1	9.9	8.9	7.5
451,000	Ass Tooling	26	..	3.5a	13.3	9.8
1,572,000	Astbury & Madley	39	..	1.7	4.2	6.1
1,600,000	Atkins Bros	50	+2	5.6	11.1	7.8
3,969,000	Audiotronic	34	-1	..e	..	8.4
6,493,000	Ault & Wiborg	35	..	2.9	8.6	7.0
19.0m	Aurora Hldgs	99	+1	7.9	8.0	4.3
742,000	Austin E.	70	..	5.5	7.9	5.0
27.9m	Automotive Pd	101	-1	2.5	2.8	8.1
6,772,000	Avana Grp	33	-3	1.6	4.7	8.2
56.4m	Averys	153	..	8.3	5.4	9.2
11.7m	Avon Rubber	199	+11	14.1	7.1	2.9
925.1m	B.A.T. Ind	275	..	20.0	7.3	5.9
61.4m	Do Dfd	245	+7	..	..	..
28.1m	BBA Grp	42	..	3.4	8.5	9.1
193.1m	BICC	116	-6	10.0	8.6	13.8
245.7m	BOC Int	74½	-1½	4.5	6.2	5.2
107.3m	BPB Ind	244	..	11.0	4.5	7.5
655,000	BPM Hldgs 'A'	47	..	4.3	9.2	6.3
25.8m	BSG Int	41	..	3.2	7.8	6.8
84.6m	BSR Ltd	95	+6	7.1	7.5	4.3
225.2m	BTR Ltd	257	-4	13.8	5.8	8.2
106.9m	Babcock & W	117	-3	8.0	6.5	5.1
1,360,000	Baggeridge Brk	34	+2	3.5	10.4	10.5
4,149,000	Bailey C.H. Ord	9	-½	0.3	3.5	69.2
26.0m	Baird W.	155	..	14.1	8.9	6.0
22.4m	Baker Perkins	93	-1	6.3	6.6	5.7
4,737,000	Bambergers	49	+2	4.5	9.2	5.6
9,073,000	Barker & Dobson	13½	-½	..e	..	..
133.4m	Barlow Rand	194	+5	16.5	8.9	3.8
710,000	Barr & Wallace	71	..	5.1	7.2	6.9
2,031,000	Do A	69	-1	5.1	7.4	6.7
39.1m	Barratt Devs	121	-1	12.2	10.1	5.6
11.5m	Barrow Hepbn	50	+4	5.6	11.1	6.7
7,367,000	Barton & Sons	52	+5	5.0	9.5	4.9
18.5m	Bassett G.	152	+6	7.8	5.1	9.4
12.1m	Bath & P'land	80	+4	5.0	6.2	4.5
2,165,000	Beales J.	57	-1	4.0	6.9	4.2
7,307,000	Beatson Clark	172	..	7.6	4.4	8.9
2,825,000	Beauford Grp	50	+2	4.6	9.2	5.5
7,232,000	Beckman A.	71	..	6.8	9.5	7.9
932.3m	Beecham Grp	652	-1	28.0	4.3	13.8
39.9m	Bejam Grp	74	+7	2.2	3.0	9.2
7,303,000	Bemrose Corp	65	-5	5.8	8.9	6.2
4,157,000	Benn Bros	62	..	3.3	5.3	10.8
37.3m	Berisf'd S & W	221	+3	12.5	5.7	3.7
2,349,000	Berisfords	58	+2	3.4	5.9	6.1
1,215,000	Best & May	54	+5	4.3	7.9	9.4
20.9m	Bestobell	159	-1	14.3	9.0	8.2
10.0m	Bett Bros	67	..	2.6	3.9	7.3
18.1m	Bibby J.	222	+8	10.1	4.5	7.1
45.4m	Birmid Qualcst	69	+5	6.2	9.0	6.4
1,300,000	Birm'gham Mint	65	+4	6.6	10.1	7.0
3,114,000	Bishops Stores	180	..	3.7	2.1	10.1
5,067,000	Do A NV	147	+2	3.7	2.5	8.8
18.1m	Black & Edg'tn	116	-2	6.4	5.6	15.3
897,000	Blackman & C	18½	..	..	..	33.0
32.3m	Blackwd Hodge	82	..	4.4	5.4	7.9
2,330,000	Blackwood Mt	29	+2½	..	..	16.7
10.9m	Blagden & N	245	..	18.2	7.4	9.3
4,387,000	Blundell Perm	67	+1½	4.4	6.5	8.1
2,918,000	Boardman K. O.	12½	..	1.5	11.8	8.3
5,688,000	Bodycote	72	+2	3.4	4.7	7.0
1,390,000	Bonser Eng	23	+1	2.0	8.8	12.7
70.8m	Booker McCon	230	-3	10.7	4.7	10.5
7,455,000	B'sey & Hawkes	190	+4	7.3	3.8	7.8
7,106,000	Boot H.	135	-1	12.5	9.2	5.1
794.3m	Boots	223	+1	4.3	1.9	17.8
32.8m	Borthwick T.	73	+2	9.4	12.9	10.8
5,095,000	Boulton W.	20	-½	2.1	10.4	6.5
261.3m	Bowater Corp	180	+2	14.7	8.2	8.5
23.2m	Bowthorpe Hldgs	56	..	2.3	4.0	7.1
6,540,000	Braby Leslie	87	+1	3.9	9.1	5.0
440,000	Brady Ind	73	..	8.6	11.8	13.9
2,158,000	Do A	71	..	8.6	12.1	13.5
4,230,000	Braham Millar	37	-2	2.3	6.2	5.0
2,640,000	Braid Grp	44	+3½	2.1	4.8	6.2
3,989,000	Braithwaite	147	-1	6.1	4.2	4.1
16.0m	Brammer H.	110	-2	8.4	5.8	10.2
2,760,000	Bremner	50	..	5.8	11.6	10.1
12.7m	Brent Chem Int	190	-6	3.7	1.9	15.7
3,326,000	Brent Walker	47½	+16½	1.7a	3.6	21.5
5,244,000	Brickhouse Dud	35	-1	3.3	9.3	6.9
63.5m	Bridon	117	+4	9.6	8.2	6.3
4,240,000	Bright J. Grp	40	+1	3.7	9.2	7.2
4,933,000	Brit Car Auctn	43	+1½	3.9	7.0	10.6
4,871,000	Brit Enkalon	13	..	..	..	..
219.5m	Brit Home Strs	215	+3	8.9	4.2	18.1
51.9m	Brit Leyland	20	..	..	..	1.5
1,790,000	Brit Northrop	103	..	..	..	3.7
13.7m	Brit Printing	46	..	4.8	10.5	7.4
8,881,000	Brit Stm Spec	86	-2	7.2	8.3	10.0
71.2m	Brit Sugar	475	-5	29.2a	6.2	5.3
4,309,000	Brit Syphon Ind	61	+3	4.6	7.6	8.3
5,836,000	Brit Tar Prod	56	-2	2.1	3.7	9.9
12.2m	Brit Vita	90	+4	3.1	3.4	6.5
2,061,000	Brittains	27	+1	2.1	7.9	22.0
10.7m	Brockhouse Ltd	64	+4½	5.5	8.6	8.1
6,014,000	Brocks Grp	72	..	5.1	7.2	12.5
916.1m	Broken Hill	415	+15	19.3	4.7	41.5
2,312,000	Brown Eng	37	-1	2.4	6.4	5.7
4,480,000	Brook St Bur	65	-4	6.4	9.8	18.8
120.8m	Brooke Bond	47	+½	4.2	8.9	3.9
502,000	Brooke Tool	19	+1	..	..	11.4
3,591,000	Brotherhood P.	114	..	8.8b	7.7	4.9
10.0m	Brown & Tawse	100	+5	6.8	6.8	6.4
21.1m	BBK	31	..	2.7	8.2	12.1
10.4m	Brown Bros Cp	23	-1	1.6	7.0	13.2
39.0m	Brown J.	245	+15	12.1	4.9	6.0
3,720,000	Bruntons	109	+1	10.6	9.7	7.7
8,890,000	Bryant Hldgs	44	+5	3.4	7.8	9.2
7,745,000	Bullough Ltd	124	+4	8.6	7.0	8.6
3,862,000	Bulmer & Lumb	45	+2	4.8	10.6	5.6
28.5m	Bunzl Pulp	109	+4	7.4	6.8	4.3
3,679,000	Burco Dean	58	..	5.6	9.7	5.7
784,000	Burgess Prod	38	..	3.5	9.3	5.9
2,232,000	Burnett H'shire	172	+3	4.1	2.4	8.2
5,206,000	Do A NV	170	+2	4.1	2.4	8.1
2,083,000	Burns And'son	38	-½	2.2	5.8	5.5
3,294,000	Burrell & Co	14½	-¼	1.4	9.7	7.5
2,821,000	Burt Boulton	185	..	15.2	8.2	5.3
6,182,000	Burton Grp	138	+12	2.3	1.6	..
41.5m	Do A	127	+9	2.3	1.8	..
4,743,000	Bury & Masco	73	..	6.4	8.8	10.8
9,142,000	Butterfld-Harvy	63½	● -3½	3.4a	5.3	8.7

C — E

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
3,293,000	CH Industrials	31	+1	2.1	6.9	5.3
201.7m	Cadbury Sch	55	+1	4.1	7.5	10.5
3,564,000	Caffyns	110	+6	8.7	7.9	8.9
1,950,000	C'bread Robey	52	..	2.3	4.4	14.6
8,167,000	Campari	132	..	2.8	2.1	6.8
2,247,000	Do B	121	..	..	..	..
7,102,000	Canning Hldgs	74	+2	6.0	8.1	6.2
6,912,000	Canning W.	64	+5	5.3	8.3	10.6
27.6m	Cape Ind	115	-1	11.5	10.0	3.8
2,250,000	Caplan Profile	75	● ..	7.3	9.7	4.9
15.6m	Capper Neill	65	-1	3.2	4.7	7.9
7,286,000	Caravans Int	79	-2	7.0	3.0	3.3
2,719,000	Carclo Eng	68	+2	4.5	6.7	6.2
14.9m	Cardiess Capel	38	-1	1.3	3.4	9.8
45.8m	Carlton Ind	173	+4	8.3	4.8	8.0
12.5m	Carpets Int	53	..	6.1	11.4	5.8
10.1m	Carr J. (Don)	46	● +2	1.4	3.0	7.1
73.8m	Carr'ton Viy	41	+2	3.0	7.3	11.1
25.6m	Carroll P. J.	107	-3	9.2	8.6	8.5
2,065,000	Casket S Hldgs	45	..	3.0	6.8	5.4
1,514,000	Causton Sir J.	18½	-1	..	..	4.8
22.2m	Cawoods	137	..	5.3	3.9	10.1
7,038,000	Celestion	34½	-½	0.3	2.6	9.9
98.4m	Cement Rdstone	128	+6	6.8	5.4	16.1
15.3m	Cen & Sheer	48	..	3.4	7.0	8.8
12.5m	Central Man	72	+3	4.0	5.6	3.8
1,381,000	Centreway Ltd	181	h +27	16.5	9.1	5.1
823,000	Ch'mbn & Hill	77	..	3.9	10.4	2.9
3,343,000	Chamberl'n Grp	54	-1	4.2	7.8	7.6
1,455,000	Change Wares	21	+8	..	..	19.2
1,254,000	Do Cnv Cum	22	+2½	2.4	10.5	..
132.4m	Chloride Grp	105	-2	7.3	6.9	8.6
8,866,000	Christies Int	77	+4	4.5	5.8	8.1
65.6m	Chubb & Sons	135	+1	5.5	4.1	10.9
9,589,000	Church & Co	195	..	4.7	2.4	9.6
43.0m	Coalite & Chem	76	● +1	4.2	5.5	6.3
11.9m	Coates Bros	70	-3	3.3	4.7	7.0
15.8m	Do A	68	-4	3.2	4.7	7.8
190.8m	Coats Patons	74	-4	4.7	6.7	5.2
3,658,000	Cole R. H.	125	+12	5.2	4.1	9.6
1,933,000	Collett D'son	58	+1	4.7	8.1	6.3
5,726,000	Collins W.	139	-4	7.0	5.1	6.7
13.4m	Do A	139	-4	7.0	5.1	6.7
8,628,000	Combex Grp	34	-1	2.4b	7.2	8.4
17.1m	Comb Eng Strs	57	-3	4.6	8.3	9.4
19.5m	Comet Radiov'n	105	s -7½	3.6	3.4	9.5
49.0m	CompAir	103	● +6	5.6	5.3	8.4
4,257,000	Compton Webb	25	..	2.6	10.3	4.3
625,000	Cook W.	25	..	2.4	9.4	5.5
23.2m	Cope Allman	59	+1	4.8	8.1	6.0
576,000	Copson F.	16	..	1.1	7.1	8.1
11.4m	Corah	39	+2	1.7a	4.3	8.5
70.9m	Coral Leisure	128	-7	9.1	7.1	11.0
4,776,000	Cosalt	72	..	4.7	6.4	6.6
102.3m	Costain R.	236	-6	13.2b	5.5	9.7
2,480,000	Countryside	41	+6	1.8	4.4	14.6
12.0m	Courts (Furn)	99	-3	5.0	5.1	8.7
12.0m	Do A NV	98	-8	5.0	5.1	6.7
338.4m	Courtaulds	124	-4	10.7	8.6	8.2
3,388,000	Courtney Pope	40	..	3.3	4.8	9.9
9,380,000	Cr'an de Groot	76	-2	3.5	4.6	4.5
3,191,000	Cowie T.	44½	-1½	2.6	5.8	4.2
15.2m	Crane Fruehauf	59	h ..	3.6a	3.7	10.7
1,493,000	Crellon Hldgs	29	..	..e	..	..
7,468,000	Crest Nicholson	79	-2	4.6	6.5	14.1
63.1m	Croda Int	58	+½	3.2	5.6	8.9
1,372,000	Cronite Grp	40	● +1	3.7	9.3	20.9
592,000	Cropper J.	37	..	1.3	3.4	..
2,041,000	Crosby Hse	137	-5	14.2	10.7	..
3,880,000	Crossland R.	34½	+10	1.9	5.0	12.3
4,711,000	Crossley Bldg	70	..	6.3	8.9	11.2
9,020,000	Crouch D.	93	-3	5.5	5.9	12.2
2,900,000	Crouch Grp	70	-8	4.2	5.9	12.3
10.1m	Crown House	49	..	4.7	9.7	9.6
1,132,000	Crowther J.	37	..	0.9	2.5	..
2,104,000	Cum'ns En Cv	£86	-6	375	4.4	..
20.4m	Dale Electric	149	-3	4.1	2.8	14.9
1,600,000	Dartmouth Inv	16½	-½	1.2	7.4	10.3
5,739,000	Davies & New	118	..	11.1	9.4	6.8
91.9m	Davy Int	244	+3	15.2	6.2	8.1
3,549,000	Dawson J.	88	+2	8.1	9.1	11.5
50.3m	De Beers Ind	410	..	44.6	10.9	8.2
487,000	Deanson Hldgs	25	..	3.2	12.7	7.6
147.0m	Debenhams	110	+2	8.0	7.3	7.5
111.5m	De La Rue	293	s +21	16.0	5.1	8.7
85.0m	Decca	485	-15	16.1	3.3	13.9
55.0m	Do A	475	..	16.1	3.4	13.6
100.0m	Delta Metal	70	+2	6.8	9.7	9.6
3,611,000	Denbyware	84	+1	8.3	9.9	..
19.1m	De Vere Hotels	171	+1	6.7	3.9	31.9
6,713,000	Dew G.	165	h ..	7.7	4.7	8.9
4,530,000	Dewhirst I. J.	60	+2	2.6	4.4	10.3
106.3m	DRG	127	+2	9.9a	7.8	9.2
18.7m	Diploma Inv	160	-2	5.8	3.6	9.7
1,249,000	Dixon D	61	● +3	3.8	6.2	27.1
62.1m	Dixons Photo	187	+7	3.4	2.0	8.2
390,000	Dixor	35	..	0.9	2.6	43.2
42.8m	Dobson Park	72	● -4	3.2	4.5	5.5
4,875,000	Dom Hldgs	65	..	6.6	10.3	11.6
10.4m	Douglas R. M.	103	+1	4.7	4.6	7.2
6,651,000	Dow'd & Mills	22	..	1.6	7.4	10.1
6,631,000	Downing G. H.	220	..	15.7	7.1	4.7
111.7m	Dowty Grp	172	+3	6.4	3.7	11.0
3,480,000	Drake & Scull	25	-1	..	..	..
2,145,000	Dreamland Elec	40	..	3.5	8.8	12.6
4,162,000	Dubilier	19	+1	1.5	8.3	10.7
3,421,000	Dufay	37	-1	2.3b	6.2	8.4
110.0m	Dunlop Hldgs	84	-1	8.0	9.5	5.0
3,961,000	Duple Int	14½	+2	0.9	6.2	7.2
27.7m	Duport	67	+3	6.4	9.6	4.7
6,329,000	Duraplpe Int	129	+3	5.7	4.4	8.0
11.1m	Dutton For	46½	+½	4.3	9.2	7.9
981,000	Dykes J. Hldgs	28	..	..e	..	10.2
289.2m	E.M.I.	190	+9	14.0	7.4	7.1
6,628,000	ERF Hldgs	146	● -4	5.5	3.8	6.5
2,507,000	E Lancs Paper	46	+2	4.8	10.4	..
1,083,000	E Mid A Press	79	+3	5.5	6.9	5.9
8,686,000	Eastern Prod	92	+6	6.6	7.2	7.1
24.3m	Eastwood J. B.	102	-4	5.9	5.7	3.8
10.8m	Edbro	132	-2	8.9	6.7	5.5
5,459,000	Eleco Hldgs	45	-3	2.6	5.9	12.3
4,695,000	Elec & Ind Secs	43	+1	4.1	9.4	7.9
33.8m	Electrocomps	336	-5	7.5	2.2	16.5
863,000	Electronic Mach	23	-1	..	..	..
91.1m	Electr'nic Rent	124	+3	7.6	6.1	8.9
14.4m	Elliott B.	89½	-½	7.9	8.0	5.6
2,647,000	Elliott Grp	21	-1	..e	..	6.6
6,061,000	Ellis & Everard	92	-5	7.7	8.4	17.0
4,326,000	Ellis & Gold	19	+½	2.7	14.4	20.7
501,000	Elson & Robbins	76	..	4.7	6.2	5.9
4,034,000	Elswick Hopper	22½	-½	1.4	6.0	9.4
49.1m	Empire Stores	177	-1	7.3	4.1	18.4
4,732,000	Energy Serv	13	● +½	0.3b	2.3	16.5
1,750,000	England J. E.	35	..	2.0	5.7	3.0
3,688,000	English & O'seas	21½	-1	0.5	2.5	20.1
4,685,000	English Card Cl	82	-1	4.2	5.1	4.5
127.2m	Eng China Clay	79	-2	5.4	6.8	7.7
3,576,000	Erith & Co	77	+3	7.4	9.6	7.9
16.7m	Esperanza	144	-2	8.0	5.5	5.3
2,495,000	Eucalyptus Pulp	67	..	7.6	11.3	2.7
122.4m	Euro Ferries	116	+7	4.2	3.7	8.2
9,555,000	Eva Industries	100	-2	7.3	7.3	7.1
113.7m	Ever Ready	172	..	6.1	3.5	8.8
5,399,000	Evode Hldgs	74	-7	3.2	4.3	8.7
3,828,000	Ewer G.	26	-½	2.0a	7.8	10.0
3,802,000	Excalibur	18¾	+¾	0.7	3.8	7.6
8,565,000	Exch Telegraph	101	..	7.7a	7.6	8.7
13.2m	Expand Metal	65	+3	5.6	8.6	7.2

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7,700,000	FMC	77	+1	3.9	5.0	3.8
2,018,000	FPA Cons	25½	+3½	1.7	6.7	11.3
5,930,000	Fairbairn L'son	61	+6	5.5	9.1	9.4
23.6m	Fairclough Cons	68	+3	3.6	5.2	8.9
11.7m	Fairview Est	109	+6	8.6	7.9	6.6
13.3m	Farnell Elect	214	-4	9.9	4.6	11.7
10.4m	Fed Chem Hldgs	73	h ..	5.3	7.2	7.9
4,056,000	Fed Lnd & Build	39	+1	3.1	8.0	11.4
2,443,000	Feedex Ltd	34	+3	2.6	5.8	6.7
31.2m	Fenner J. H.	144	+8	10.2	7.0	9.9
6,951,000	Ferguson Ind	97	..	9.1	9.4	10.1
20.8m	Fine Art Dev	49½	..	2.8	6.1	10.9
34.9m	Finlay J.	306	-2	9.9	3.2	5.6
1,216,000	Finlay Pack	39	..	0.9	4.3	7.5
1,040,000	Firth G.M.	39	..	..e	..	11.1
145.3m	Fisons	395	+30	18.5	4.7	11.6
38.8m	Fitch Lovell	63	+4	5.6	8.8	7.9
4,681,000	Flnidrive Eng	71	-11	5.0	7.1	6.9
4,681,000	Fodens	39	+2	3.2	6.5	3.9
3,737,000	Fogarty E.	121	● +7½	4.8	4.0	8.3
7,401,000	Folkes Hefo NV	29	+1	3.1	9.5	5.1
4,135,000	Ford M.	38	-1	3.7	11.1	13.8
—	Ford Mtr BDR	145	+15	9.8	6.4	13.3
3,353,000	Forminster	137	+9	6.0	4.4	6.5
2,373,000	Fortum & Mason	535	..	31.5	5.9	9.6
65.1m	Foseco Min	142	-5	6.5	4.6	8.4
16.9m	Foster Bros	86	..	4.3	5.1	11.0
1,534,000	Foster J.	27	-1	2.5	9.3	9.5
4,899,000	Fothergill & H	88	-2	9.4	10.7	10.0
843,000	Francis G. R.	46	+1	5.4	11.7	8.3
4,632,000	Francis Ind	64	..	5.1	8.0	5.3
64.0m	Freemans Ldn	286	-2	8.5	3.0	13.7
2,626,000	French T.	70	+2	3.9	5.5	5.2
15.9m	French Kier	33½	+1½	2.3b	6.8	13.7
5,634,000	Friedland Doggt	92	..	4.4	4.8	7.2
21.1m	GEI Int	82	-1	5.9	7.1	6.5
7,965,000	Gallifd Brindley	68	+3	4.6	7.0	7.1
4,437,000	Garnar Scotblair	165	..	6.8	6.6	4.8
1,503.4m	GEC	274	+7	5.8	2.1	11.2
1,795.6m	Do F Rate	£100¼	..	869	..	..
2,236,000	Gen Eng (Rad)	19	..	1.5	8.1	8.1
574.9m	Gen Mtr BDR	209	+16	11.0g	5.5	6.8
70.9m	Gestetner 'A'	172	+13	6.0	3.5	6.5
13.1m	Gibbons Dudley	63	-1	3.5	5.2	3.2
3,729,000	Gieves Grp	95	..	6.8	7.1	8.1
74.6m	Gill & Duffus	229	+11	13.2	5.8	7.7
10.0m	Giltspur Ltd	55	+1	4.1	7.4	5.6
2,686,000	Glass & Metal	68	+2	4.2	6.2	7.3
1,406,000	Glass Glover	25	+1	1.7	6.9	10.0
500.2m	Glaxo Hldgs	592	-1	15.5	2.6	11.9
4,600,000	Gleeson M. J.	46	+4	2.8	6.1	7.1
2,417,000	Glossop & W.J.	52	..	5.9	10.5	5.6
69.9m	Glynwed	105	+2	11.4b	10.6	9.1
3,197,000	Goldbg & Sons	64	-1	5.7	8.9	12.7
14.5m	Gomme Hldgs	75	-4	4.6	6.1	9.9
4,159,000	Gordon & Gotch	91	● -1	4.0	4.4	3.7
1,242,000	Gordon L. Grp	23	+1	..	..	..
5,381,000	Grampian Hldgs	53	-2	6.0	11.2	7.6
113.0m	Granada 'A'	97	+3	3.0	3.0	10.6
330.7m	Grand Met Ltd	109	+2	6.5	5.9	12.4
16.5m	Gt Univ Stores	304	● -2	11.8	3.9	14.1
729.4m	Do A	300	● +2	11.8	3.8	13.9
4,699,000	Greenfield Mill	43	-3	2.7	6.3	12.6
6,671,000	Greens Econ	80	-3	6.4	8.0	8.2
1,150,000	Gripperrods	46	+1	3.6	7.7	5.1
408.3m	GKN	270	-2	23.6	8.7	7.5
7,591,000	Haden Carrier	99	+3	12.0	12.2	6.1
13.1m	Haggas J.	103	+6	1.0	0.9	3.4
10.9m	Hall Eng	91	+2	6.4	7.0	6.1
32.3m	Hall M.	196	-1	10.0a	5.1	7.8
2,805,000	Halma Ltd	58	● +2	2.1	3.6	9.6
13.0m	Hanimex Corp	90	+10	4.1	4.6	6.0
88.0m	Hanson Trust	131	-17	9.5	7.3	6.4
2,443,000	Hardy Furn	34	-1	0.3	0.9	..
3,669,000	Do A	32	-1	0.3	1.0	..
14.4m	Hargreaves Grp	61	+3	4.6	7.5	10.0
12.9m	Harris Sheldon	49	+2	4.3	8.7	8.3
7,822,000	Harrison T.C.	104	+9	5.8	5.6	9.9
83.3m	Harrison Cros	375	-25	19.3b	5.1	9.1
4,581,000	Hartwells Grp	88	-4	6.7	7.6	7.5
492.7m	Hawker Sidd	202	+6	8.9	3.9	8.9
5,207,000	Hawkins & T'son	76	+6	6.1	8.1	4.9
1,880,000	Hawthorn L.	70	-2	..	..	..
26.6m	Hays Wharf	153	-3	7.5	4.7	16.4
1,710,000	Headlam Sims	35½	+1½	1.9	5.3	7.3
1,958,000	Helene of Ldn	19½	-½	0.9	5.1	5.2
721,000	Helical Bar	30	-1	3.1	10.3	17.9
8,387,000	Hend'son Kent	86	..	3.4	3.9	5.1
13.6m	Henly's	125	+12	10.0a	8.0	4.7
111.4m	Hepworth Cer	89½	+1½	5.0	5.6	20.3
27.9m	Hepworth J.	64	+3	3.5	5.4	10.3
509,000	Herman Smith	11	..	0.4	3.5	45.8
27.4m	Hestair	117	+4	9.1	7.8	4.1
21.0m	Hewden-Stuart	51	+1	1.9	3.9	9.5
495,000	Hewitt J.	22	..	1.4	6.5	4.3
2,245,000	Hicking P'cost	88	..	9.8	11.2	10.1
34.8m	Hickson Welch	340	● -5	15.7	2.9	4.8
6,776,000	Higgs & Hill	90	+5	5.0	5.6	4.6
1,820,000	Hill & Smith	77	+1	3.2	4.3	4.8
1,077,000	Hill C. Bristol	90	..	9.9	10.7	..
12.3m	Hillards	215	-15	6.8	3.2	6.2
12.3m	Hoffnung S.	70	-2	6.4	9.2	5.1
4,764,000	Hollas Grp	61	-2	6.4	10.5	5.5
6,338,000	Hollis Bros	70	● -2	6.7	9.6	6.4
14.3m	Holt Lloyd	143½	-2½	8.5	5.9	14.3
4,880,000	Home Charm	122	..	6.2	4.2	12.7
27.3m	Hoover	365	-2	20.5	5.6	7.9
44.3m	Do A	363	-2	20.5	5.6	7.9
9,672,000	Hopkinsons	81	-1	7.1	8.8	4.4
3,960,000	Horizon Mid	90	+2	4.5	4.9	6.1
165.2m	Hse of Fraser	136	..	6.7	4.9	13.6
7,519,000	Hoveringham	70	..	2.9	4.1	14.1
4,529,000	Do RV	62	..	2.9	4.7	12.5
567,000	Howard & Wynd	22	..	..	..	11.9
499,000	Do A	20	..	..	..	11.4
9,799,000	Howard Mach	34	..	3.4	10.1	6.8
3,829,000	Howard Tenens	27¼	-¼	2.6	9.4	..
9,621,000	Howden Grp	62	-1	5.6	9.1	17.2
151.2m	Hudsons Bay	£10¾	+1½	34.7	3.3	10.9
7,611,000	Hunt Moscrop	30	..	1.1	3.5	8.8
17.0m	Hunting Assoc	215	..	4.5	2.1	9.6
3,590,000	Huntleigh Grp	110	-6	3.4	3.1	8.8
—	Hutchison W	53	+5	..	..	..

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67.4m	ICL	250	-2	21.2	4.3	4.9
2,273,000	IDC Grp	164	-2	12.7	7.7	9.1
14.3m	Ibstock Johns'n	145	..	9.5	8.1	7.5
1,952.6m	Imp Chem Ind	346	-6	21.9	6.9	6.4
22.0m	Imp Cold Store	97	-4	7.8	8.0	3.9
569.5m	Imperial Grp	80½	-2	7.9	9.7	5.3
126.0m	Imp Metal Ind	60½	+1½	5.0	8.2	7.2
1,204,000	Ingall Ind	73½	..	2.6	11.0	8.7
1,024,000	Ingram H.	32	..	4.3	13.3	7.6
30.6m	Initial Services	72½	+½	6.6	9.1	12.2
45.4m	Int Paint	62	..	3.6	5.8	5.5
21.0m	Int Timber	127	-4	9.9	7.8	5.9
15.8m	Inveresk Grp	78	..	7.4	9.5	13.1
41.6m	Itoh BDR	£6½	+¼	8.6	2.2	..
6,290,000	JB Hldgs	42	-1	3.6	2.6	5.6
1,190,000	Jacks W.	22	-2	1.0	4.5	..
563,000	Jacksons B'End	53	-3	..e	..	..
1,493,000	James M. Ind	10¼	-¼	0.5	7.4	..
357.9m	Jardine M'son	176	+17	6.5	3.7	..
1,965,000	Jarvis J.	194	-1	13.1	6.8	6.3
1,369,000	Jessups Hldgs	40	+7	2.4	6.8	6.9
61.4m	Johnson & F B	63	+2	7.1	11.3	4.6
6,819,000	Johnson Grp	82	+5	5.9	7.2	8.6
81.1m	Johnson Matt	475	+8	20.2	4.2	7.7
19.3m	Johnson-Richd	338	-2	20.8	3.2	9.8
3,682,000	Jones Stroud	99	..	6.3a	7.1	6.8
1,646,000	Jourdan T.	41	+1	4.0	9.7	6.3
6,835,909	K Shoes	59	+½	3.4	5.8	5.2
4,300,000	Kelsey Ind	112	-2	4.9	4.4	5.2
23.6m	Kenning Mtr	81	● -½	6.3	7.8	6.0
4,182,000	Kent M. P.	39	..	3.1	8.0	10.5
2,094,000	Kitchen Taylor	69	+14	..	..	..
3,808,000	Koda Int	99	+1	7.8	8.0	7.5
6,371,000	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	51	-2	1.2	2.2	22.3
69.7m	Kwik Save Disc	210	+5	7.9	3.8	16.0
21.2m	LCP Hldgs	91	-2	7.2	8.0	7.8
38.4m	LRC Int	43	+4	4.4	10.3	7.4
19.3m	LWT Hldgs 'A'	129	+11	9.4	7.3	7.3
119.0m	Ladbroke	212	+12	10.8	5.1	14.3
2,224,000	Ladies Pride	48	+3	3.3	6.9	8.0
5,209,000	Lafarge	93	h ..	3.0	3.3	10.3
42.0m	Laing J.	156	+4	5.0	3.2	12.6
40.7m	Do A	155	+3	5.0	3.2	12.6
22.9m	Laird Grp Ltd	83	+3	4.5	5.4	5.6
6,165,000	Lake & Elliot	62	+4	5.3	8.5	14.8
1,170,000	Lambert H'wth	39	-1	4.4	11.2	5.6
2,789,000	Lane P. Grp	62	-1	4.8	7.7	6.0
32.7m	Lankro	52½	h ..	2.8	3.8	13.5
46.3m	Laporte Ind	100	+3	10.3	10.3	8.5
3,124,000	Latham J.	124	-1	10.5	8.5	5.7
16.7m	Laurence Scott	115	+1	7.5	6.6	6.7
4,008,000	Lawrence W.	100	+1	9.8	9.9	7.6
1,280,000	Lawtex	64	..	4.4	6.8	4.2
61.8m	Lead Industries	150	-2	11.2	7.4	5.9
1,172,000	Le-Bas E.	49	+6	2.5	5.1	..
6,974,000	Lee A.	27½	-1	2.2	9.8	4.9
4,674,000	Lee Cooper	125	+8	2.5	2.1	4.9
9,085,000	Leigh Int	169	-2	5.5	3.3	24.0
7,060,000	Leisure & Gen	68½	h ..	2.0	2.9	16.0
11.7m	Leisure C'van	113	-1	6.7	6.0	12.9
9,105,000	Lennons Grp	36	+1	2.3	6.5	11.7
15.4m	Lep Grp	245	-2	5.2	2.1	7.3
19.2m	Lesney Ord	66	+6	4.1	6.2	4.8
23.2m	Letraset	109	● +4	4.6	4.2	7.5
49.3m	Lex Services	77½	-½	5.3	6.8	10.4
5,637,000	Liberty Ord	220½	+½	48.5	2.4	9.4
12.6m	Lilley F. J. C.	78	-1	3.6	4.9	8.1
2,923,000	Lincroft Klig	61	+4	5.3	8.7	3.2
39.6m	Lindustries	144	-8	13.6	9.5	8.3
32.3m	Linfood Hldgs	156	-8	13.6	8.7	4.6
2,036,000	Linread	38	..	3.0	8.0	..
6,256,000	Lister & Co	38	-1	0.2	0.4	..
16.9m	Lloyd F. H.	70½	+2½	7.5	10.7	6.2
1,675,000	Locker T.	14¼	..	1.3	8.5	6.6
3,625,000	Do A	14½	+½	1.3	8.6	6.5
6,713,000	Lockwoods Fds	116	..	5.6	4.8	6.3
5,800,000	Ldn & M'land	81	+3	7.3b	8.9	7.2
15.6m	Ldn & N'thern	27½	● -½	3.0a	11.8	5.1
44.1m	Ldn Brick Co	75	+3	4.6	6.2	8.4
6,208,000	Ldn Prov Post	177	+6	13.6	7.7	8.2
4,017,000	Longton Trans	64	+1	5.3	8.3	2.7
147.2m	Lonrho	78	+4	9.3	12.5	3.0
5,336,000	Lonsdale Univ	79	-1	6.6	8.3	10.8
4,299,000	Lookers	58	+6	3.7	6.4	2.9
5,846,000	Lovell Hldgs	95	+2	5.4	6.2	9.8
19.1m	Low & Bonar	172	..	16.5b	9.6	6.1
341.1m	Lucas Ind	270	-1	12.5	4.6	6.7
2,890,000	Lyon & Lyon	80	-5	9.1	11.4	8.6
44.9m	Lyons J. Ord	118	+4	11.5	10.5	8.6

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13.4m	MFI W'house	122	-1	6.0	4.9	13.5
28.7m	MK Electric	176	-2	8.8	5.0	7.5
1,800,000	ML Hldgs	90	..	5.9	6.5	7.7
3,093,000	MY Dart	65	-1	3.3	5.1	5.0
12.5m	McCorquodale	247	● -6	21.6	8.7	5.7
4,756,000	McInerney Prop	42	-3	..	..	16.1
1,964,000	McCleery L'Amie	13½	+1½	..	..	..
2,324,000	Mackay H.	47	+3	4.9	10.5	13.0
35.5m	McKechnie Bros	91	+2	7.5	8.2	5.1
1,279,000	McNeill Grp	47	+2	..	..	..
7,247,000	Macpherson D.	58	+2	3.8	6.5	6.9
13.7m	Madame Tussds	45	h +1½	3.7a	5.7	23.8
24.3m	Mallinson Denny	48½	+1½	4.2	3.4	5.9
5,295,000	Man Agcy Music	73	..	8.8	11.6	4.9
1,536,000	Manch Garages	32	● -8	2.3	7.1	6.6
8,400,000	Man Ship Canal	210	..	21.6	10.3	6.1
9,408,000	Mang Bronze	88	+10	2.9	2.9	4.3
165,000	Manordale Grp	43	+1	6.2	14.5	4.1
4,067,000	Maple Hldgs	14½	..	..e	..	..
43.9m	Marchwiel	386	-6	5.2	1.9	6.0
899.4m	Marks & Spencer	154	-1	6.4	4.1	18.7
92.5m	Marley Ltd	93	● +4	3.8	4.1	7.7
1,380,000	Marling Ind	18½	-½	1.5	8.3	9.2
11.1m	Marshall Cav	69½	-½	6.0	10.8	9.7
456,000	Marshall T Lox	38	f -1	3.5	9.3	4.9
1,530,000	Do A	35	..	3.5	10.1	4.5
7,834,000	Marshalls Univ	152	+12	9.5	6.3	5.1
3,760,000	Martin-Black	57	..	6.7	11.8	5.7
14.5m	Martin-News	226	-6	10.2	4.5	5.4
17.7m	Martonair	156	-8	8.1	5.2	9.7
5,350,000	May & Hassell	76	..	4.4	5.7	5.1
6,094,000	Maynards	125	+1	7.3	5.9	7.8
2,830,000	Mears Bros	29	+1	2.9	9.8	5.4
420,000	Medminster	22	..	2.7	12.0	12.8
1,317,000	Melody Mills	70	..	4.4	6.2	4.8
2,830,000	Melville D & W	47	+1	3.7	7.9	4.8
2,955,000	Menmore Mfg	13½	..	1.3	10.2	18.9
20.7m	Menzies J.	302	+2	7.1	2.4	16.3
184.7m	Metal Box	310	..	21.5	6.9	7.0
16.9m	Metal Closures	84	..	8.0	7.2	8.1
3,547,000	Metalrax	40	..	1.6	4.0	8.1
6,495,000	Mettoy	44	..	3.2	7.3	6.3
45.6m	Meyer M. L.	83	..	6.9	8.3	8.7
8,718,000	Midland Ind	44	+2	1.5	3.4	6.5
1,772,000	Milbury	87	+2	3.9	4.5	7.5
3,873,000	Mills A. J.	58	a +1	4.2	4.2	11.2
10.2m	Mills & Allen	125	+10	..	..	12.5
9,399,000	Miln Marsters	159	-2	7.8	4.9	6.3
7,690,000	Mining Supplies	68	-1	1.7	2.5	9.7
22.1m	Mitchell Cotts	45	+3	5.2	11.4	6.9
10.6m	Mitchell Somers	62	-1	2.4	3.8	6.3
5,624,000	Mixconcrete	61	+1	4.5	7.4	9.1
975,000	Modern Eng	39	..	4.0	10.3	8.2
32.2m	Molins	110	+1	9.9	9.8	..
8,836,000	Monk A.	82	..	5.4	6.6	8.6
750,000	M'santo 5% Ln	159	..	500	10.0	..
847,000	Do 6% Ln	£94½	..	625	11.1	..
12.0m	Do 5% Cnv	£112	-5	500	4.5	..
1,356,000	Montfort Knit	60	..	4.9	8.2	9.2
3,454,000	More O'Ferrall	85	+9	5.2	6.1	23.0
64.4m	Morgan Cruc	131	+2	7.7	5.9	11.9
702,000	Morgan Edwds	38	..	2.9	9.6	54.5
925,000	Morris & Blakey	50	..	6.2	12.5	12.0
930,000	Do A	48	..	6.2	13.9	11.5
1,540,000	Moss Bros	88	+2	6.1b	6.9	15.9
3,271,000	Moss Eng	71	+5	6.3	8.8	7.8
115.9m	Mothercare	180	-4	4.2	2.3	20.9
680,000	Movitex	13½	..	..	..	..
31.6m	Mowlem J.	137	+5	9.9	7.2	9.3
14.5m	Muirhead	134	+2	7.8	4.1	14.1
5,946,000	Myson Grp	62	+4	..e	..	..
13.2m	NSS News	108	-8	3.2	3.0	9.8
869,000	Nathan B. & L.	47	..	4.6	9.7	10.2
5,825,000	Nat Carbon	50	+4	..e	..	..
435,000	Needlers	22	..	..e	..	..
5,767,000	Neepsend	42	+1	4.5	10.7	17.1
1,235,000	Negretti & Zam	90	+9	5.0	5.6	8.3
12.6m	Neill J.	94	+1	7.3	7.7	6.5
17.3m	Newarthill	172	+2	6.8	3.9	12.4
10.0m	Newman Ind	73	● +5	7.6	10.4	2.9
6,908,000	Newman Tonks	79	-1	5.5	7.9	9.0
5,276,000	Newmark L.	178	+20	9.9a	5.6	5.7
60.0m	Norcros	90	+4	6.3	6.3	7.0
4,204,000	Norfolk C Grp	32	+3	0.9	2.8	15.8
3,168,000	Normand Elec	44	..	4.3	9.8	14.1
13.6m	NEI	98	+7½	8.5b	8.7	..
93.3m	Nthn Foods	115	+4	4.7	4.0	10.0
5,165,000	Norton & Wright	194	+10	6.0	3.2	17.8
2,886,000	Norton W. E.	37	+2	1.0	2.6	7.3
8,461,000	Norwest Holst	93	h +4	6.4	6.9	6.6
56.0m	Notts Mfg	108	+1	4.5	4.3	10.2
29.6m	Nurdin & Peacock	103	-1	2.6	2.5	14.4
5,109,000	Nu-Swift Ind	25½	+½	2.3a	3.7	10.6

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11.3m	Ocean Wilsons	36	-8	5.4	6.3	9.0
5,685,000	Office & Elect	93	-3	6.2	6.6	6.8
14.2m	Ofrex Grp	112	+5	5.9	4.5	13.1
49.0m	Ogilvy & M	£20¼	+7½	21.5	0.8	11.0
9,172,000	Osborn S.	83	+11	5.4	6.5	5.1
6,693,000	Owen Owen	75	+4	4.0	5.4	7.5
2,560,000	Oxley Printing	46	..	3.6b	8.2	9.2
4,465,000	Parker Knoll 'A'	112	+5½	4.9	4.4	4.4
8,706,000	Parker Timber	115	+2	8.3	7.2	5.1
2,435,000	Paterson R.	35	● -1	3.5	9.9	10.1
18.7m	Paterson Zoch	230	..	10.6	4.6	4.3
1,896,000	Do A NV	229	..	10.6	4.6	4.1
31.6m	Pauls & Whites	127	+1	6.5	5.1	9.3
73.2m	Pearson Long	178	+3	8.2	4.6	8.3
132.7m	Pearson & Son	194	-3	9.4	4.8	9.1
809,000	Do 4% Ln	£28	+½	400	11.4	..
49.6m	Pegler-Hatt	170	+4	11.6	6.8	6.6
2,563,000	Pentland Ind	25	+5	1.0	3.8	8.6
12.2m	Pentos	76	..	6.5	8.3	8.1
—	Perkin El 4%	£73	..	..	..	..
7,148,000	Perry H. Mtrs	181	..	7.8	4.8	10.2
4,310,000	Petrocon Grp	73	..	6.7	9.2	3.5
9,200,000	Philips Fin 5½%	£87½	..	575	10.0	..
1,326.3m	Philips Lamps	£7⅝	+⅛	37.1	4.8	..
229,000	Phillips Patts	18	+1	..	..	41.9
4,327,000	Phoenix Timber	138	+1	6.5	4.1	22
5,148,000	Photo-Me Int	245	+5	6.0	2.4	7.4
573,000	P'dilly Theatre	97	+17	1.6	1.7	32.4
905,000	Pickles W.	13½	+½	1.0	7.7	9.0
2,800,000	Pifco Hldgs	112	+2	4.1	3.7	8.5
2,725,000	Do A	109	+1	4.1	3.5	8.3
278.9m	Pilkington Bros	445	-8	16.9	3.8	6.6
4,836,000	Pittard Grp	64	..	4.0	6.0	5.7
3,692,000	Plaxtons	131	..	10.8	8.2	5.3
4,390,000	Plessurama	70	..	3.1	4.4	6.8
292.9m	Plessey	92	+1	7.8	8.0	9.3
23.1m	Do ADR	£11¾	+¾	..	..	..
4,692,000	Plysu	85	-7	2.0	2.3	11.0
51.3m	Pontins	42½	ah ..	2.5	6.0	14.9
13.9m	Pork Farms	415	-5	19.8b	4.8	10.9
40.7m	Portals Hldgs	249	..	11.9	4.8	12.7
3,622,000	Porter Chad	112	-3	7.5	6.7	6.6
4,000,000	Portsmth News	50	..	4.3	8.6	6.2
57.1m	Powell Duffryn	186	-3	15.2	8.1	9.3
3,401,000	Pratt F. Eng	64	-4	7.0	10.9	7.3
6,142,000	Preedy A.	78	r +7	4.3	5.5	10.1
35.0m	Press W.	29	+½	1.3	4.4	6.7
29.0m	Prestige Grp	160	+1	7.7	4.8	11.8
567,000	Prestwich Pkr	34	..	4.6	13.6	9.0
24.6m	Pretoria P Cem	265	..	17.6	10.7	3.3
10.5m	Pride & Clarke	525	h +298	16.9a	3.2	14.3
4,295,000	Priest B.	76	..	7.7	10.1	6.9
7,242,000	Pritchard Serv	33½	+1½	2.3	6.7	9.4
32.5m	Pye Hldgs	109	-3	4.4a	4.0	8.1
222,000	Pyke W. J.	33	● +2	1.0	3.0	31.6
820,000	Pyramid Grp	41	+1	3.3	8.1	8.4
314.8m	Quaker Oats	£15	+¼	59.7	4.0	9.0
4,527,000	Queens Moat	29	-½	..	..	49.2
2,101,000	Quick H. J.	39½	-2½	2.5	6.3	6.9
6,733,000	R.F.D.Group	84	● ..	2.4	3.3	5.9
2,362,000	RKT Textiles	78	+4	6.6	8.4	5.2
220.9m	Racal Elect	220	+12	5.9	2.7	11.5
2,902,000	Raine Eng	16	-½	1.3	8.3	7.0
873,000	Ransen Grp	19	..	..	..	35.2
445.2m	Rank Org Ord	258	-4	10.9	4.2	17.0
130.7m	RHM	44	+1	5.0	10.4	7.6
27.6m	RMP	65	..	5.8	9.0	8.5
7,300,000	Ransomes Sims	135	+3	12.0	8.9	7.7
580,000	Ratcliffe F. S.	73	-7	7.1	9.8	7.2
12.2m	Ratners	102	+4	1.0	0.9	10.4
25.0m	Raybeck Ltd	60	● -2	5.0	7.3	12.1
26.5m	Readicut Int	34½	-½	2.2	6.5	7.2
94.7m	RMC	134	..	8.5	6.3	9.3
251.7m	Reckitt & Colmn	430	-3	15.3	3.6	9.0
9,465,000	Record Ridgway	85	-1	6.8a	8.0	7.1
18.5m	Redfearn Nat	310	-1	24.0	7.7	4.1
73.0m	Rediffusion	91	..	6.5	7.1	11.5
139.2m	Redland	147	-3	6.3	4.3	10.2
8,932,000	Redman Heenan	60	+4	2.8	4.6	4.1
3,309,000	Reed & Smith	62	h ..	3.2	5.1	..
1,071,000	Reed A.	28	..	4.1	4.7	10.4
7,829,000	Do A NV	87	..	3.9	4.5	10.3
2,961,000	Reed Exec	47	..	4.2	8.9	..
159.7m	Reed Int	143	-5	19.7	13.8	5.3
391.0m	Reliance Grp	£16¾	+1	..	..	8.8
2,492,000	Reliance Knit	41	..	4.4	10.6	3.6
10.0m	Rennies Cons	47	+3	8.7	20.5	2.3
81.2m	Renold Ltd	127	+2	13.1	10.3	5.5
52.4m	Rentokil Grp	59½	-½	2.3	4.3	12.9
2,514,000	Renwick Grp	46	+2	..e	..	31.1
7,875,000	Revertex	53	-1	7.4	8.9	5.3
5,167,000	Rexmore	60	..	6.5	10.9	4.8
2,981,000	Ricardo Eng	130	-7	4.8	3.9	9.7
10.8m	Richards & Wall	73	+6	6.2	7.9	9.6
303.0m	Rich'n-Merrell	£14⅞	+¾	51.5	3.5	10.7
7,143,000	Richardsons W.	58	+2	6.2	11.1	6.8
31.1m	Rockware Grp	142	-2	8.0	5.6	8.4
36.3m	Rolls-R Motors	70½	+2	6.5	9.2	7.2
2,975,000	Ropner Hldgs	45½	..	3.2	7.1	5.4
3,499,000	Do A	42½	-1	3.2	7.6	5.0
1,146,000	Rosgill Hldgs	12	+½	..e	..	..
5,431,000	Rotaflex	54	+2	2.5	4.6	10.2
2,430,000	Rotaprint	48	-2	4.2	8.7	7.9
67.0m	Rothmans Int 'B'	48½	-½	3.1	6.4	3.1
11.5m	Rotork Ltd	125	+11	3.4	2.7	6.2
1,782,000	Routledge & K	152	..	5.6	3.7	11.6
3,122,000	Rowlinson Con	100	..	3.4	3.4	5.1
174.8m	Rowntree Mac	404	-8	11.5	2.8	11.0
6,207,000	Rowton Hotels	167	+6	9.0	5.4	18.0
7,710,000	Royal Worcs	128	+2	9.6	7.0	8.6
6,860,000	Royco Grp	34	+1½	0.8	2.2	..
3,325,000	Ruberoid	34	+1	3.1	9.1	10.6
63.6m	Rugby Cement	89	+6	5.0	5.6	16.8
18.7m	Do NV	58	-4	4.2	7.3	16.4
31.4m	SGB Grp	152	+2	8.6	5.3	5.8
71.0m	SKF 'B'	£10½	+1½	47.9	4.6	5.2
3,860,000	Sanchd	161½	+2½	6.3	8.2	5.4
14.8m	Sabah Timber	35	-2	2.3	6.6	3.4
149.2m	Sainsbury J.	190	..	8.6	4.8	12.4
439.2m	St Gobain	£16⅜	+¼	63.7	3.8	8.0
5,026,000	Sale Tilney	220	-10	15.5	7.1	7.4
19.0m	Samuel H.	278	● +1	12.0	4.3	13.7
37.5m	Do A	272	● +2	12.0	4.4	13.4
3,876,000	Sanderson Kay	65	..	6.2	9.5	9.5
722,000	Sanderson Mur	38	+2	4.7	12.4	4.1
4,135,000	Sanger J. E.	49	..	6.8	13.8	9.6
6,832,000	Sangers	80	..	8.8	11.0	6.2
16.3m	Savoy Hotel 'A'	65	..	1.5	2.4	15.5
23.3m	Scapa Grp	104	-5	8.3a	7.9	4.4
12.6m	Scholes G. H.	296	..	25.1	8.5	13.9
4,670,000	Scottcrest	89	-3	4.6	5.1	8.7
2,387,000	S.E.E.T.	59	-2	2.5	4.3	3.8
1,520,000	Scot Heritable	35	+2	2.0a	6.1	4.8
3,053,000	Scottish TV 'A'	59	+1	3.4	5.7	4.9
30.7m	Scot Univ Inv	99	+2	7.8	7.8	15.3
281.5m	Sears Hldgs	65	-½	3.6	5.5	16.3
2,400,000	Securicor Grp	60	..	1.8	3.0	10.9
4,014,000	Do NV	58	..	1.8	3.1	10.5
2,311,000	Security Serv	66	..	2.9	4.3	10.2
7,966,000	Do A	66	..	2.9	4.3	10.2
1,021,000	Sekers Int	18	-½	2.1b	11.7	10.1
14.4m	Selincourt	35	+1½	1.9	6.4	8.2
19.3m	Senior Eng	26	+1	1.5	6.8	8.9
27.1m	Serck	96½	+4½	8.9	9.3	8.0
3,947,000	Shakespeare J.	38½	..	2.7	6.9	6.9
1,833,000	Shaw Carpets	22	-1½	..e	..	..
27.9m	Sheepbridge	79	-2	6.4	8.2	10.1
420,000	Sherman S.	30½	+½	..	..	..
8,295,000	Sidlaw Ind	98	-1	9.1	9.3	9.2
19.2m	Siebe Gorman	186	+4	8.0	4.3	10.4
3,144,000	Siemssen Hunt	63	-2	4.2	6.7	9.5
1,144.9m	Signode 7% Cn	£106	-2	700	4.4	..
42.0m	Simon Eng	206	-3	11.1	5.4	6.7
880,000	Simpson S.	88	+2	5.8	6.6	7.1
4,535,000	Do A	85	+1	5.8	6.8	6.9
4,467,000	Sirdar	56	-2	4.2	7.6	4.3
34.4m	600 Group	76½	+5	5.9	7.7	7.7
13.1m	Sketchley	105	-2	7.0	6.7	12.5
264,000	Small & Tidmas	22	-1	3.1	14.0	..
250,000	Smallshaw R.	29	+2	1.5	7.7	5.6
4,436,000	Smart J.	44	..	5.5	12.5	5.1
5,033,000	Smith D. S.	93	..	3.6	3.9	8.0
100.6m	Smith & Neph	67	+2	3.5	5.2	14.2
115.0m	Smith W. H. 'A'	167	-1	3.1	1.9	18.8
30.3m	Smiths Ind	173	+3	11.0	6.4	7.9
98.4m	Smurfit	203	-2	9.2	4.5	17.3
375,000	Solexcaps	25	+1	2.5	10.2	10.2
386,000	Do NV	25	+2	2.5	10.2	10.2
6,350,000	Solicitors Law	56	+1	5.8	10.3	10.8
23.5m	Sotheby P. B.	216	+2	12.7	5.9	9.1
6,170,000	Spear & Jackson	116	-6	14.2	12.2	11.6
9,772,000	Spear J. W.	242	-3	2.8	1.2	8.4
1,378,000	Spencer Gears	30	..	1.7	5.5	8.2
2,805,000	Spencer G.	47	..	3.4	7.3	27.5
46.3m	Spillers	33½	-1	4.2	12.8	6.8
—	Spirax-Sarco	256	+4	13.5	5.2	10.2
2,291,000	Spooner Ind	54	+1	4.0	7.4	5.4
6,743,000	Staffs Potts	135	-2	8.4	3.5	7.6
3,886,000	Stafiex Int	18	-1	..e	..	2.5
3,859,000	Stag Furniture	100	..	7.3	7.3	5.4
6,442,000	Stanley A. G.	136	..	8.0	5.9	17.2
32.7m	Staveley Ind	232	+8	13.2	5.7	7.9
29.1m	Steel Bros	360	..	17.8b	5.0	10.3
88.3m	Steetley Co	184	+2	9.3	4.8	8.7
1,892,000	Steinberg	14½	+½	1.5	9.1	16.7
—	Stew't & Ll 6½%	35	..	..	..	..
3,157,000	Stocklake Hldgs	75	+1	3.9	5.2	4.1
1,575,000	Stockal. & Son	175	..	5.9	3.3	6.5
5,095,000	Stonehill	91	+3	9.1b	10.0	8.6
44.7m	Stone Platt	111	-1	5.5	5.0	..
3,800,000	Stothert & Pitt	150	-3	14.5	9.6	6.8
2,860,000	Streeters	37	+4	2.6	6.9	6.7
3,806,000	Strong & Fisher	66	..	6.4	9.4	4.0
2,093,000	Sumbeam W'sey	26	-1	2.6	10.0	6.5
979,000	Sutcliffe S'man	40	+2	3.6	9.0	6.3
28.6m	Swan Hunter	157	+5	10.3	6.6	12.9
—	Swire Pacific 'A'	81	+11	..	..	..
900,000	Symonds Eng	18	+1	2.0	11.2	10.7

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1,120,000	Tace	24	-1½	0.5a	2.2	7.1
—	Takeda Bdr	770	+55	16.8	2.2	24.6
80.5m	Tarmac Ltd	146	+12	13.4	9.3	8.2
116.7m	Tate & Lyle	216	+6	19.5	9.1	4.1
2,271,000	Tavener R'dge	113	-6	8.8	7.9	7.1
540,000	Taylor Pallis	80	..	6.8	8.5	7.8
93.7m	Taylor Woodrow	412	+12	10.7	2.6	9.9
11.2m	Tecalemit	122	+11	5.5	4.5	8.6
11.3m	Telefusion	41	+2	1.3	4.3	8.8
6,551,000	Do A	39	+1	1.8	4.5	6.5
51.3m	Telephone Rent	132	..	8.3	6.3	11.6
197.3m	Tesco	49½	● +½	2.3	5.3	9.8
573,000	Textured Jersey	29	+2	..	..	38.0
7,167,000	Thermal Synd	135	..	10.3	7.6	10.3
277.8m	Thomson Org	644	+2	9.0	1.4	68.7
307.6m	Thorn Electric	379	+6	10.4	2.8	10.1
962,000	Thurgar Bardex	13½	..	0.9	7.4	16.7
51.9m	Tiger Oats	470	-10	31.7	6.7	4.2
4,982,000	Tilbury Cont	239	+10	27.2	10.6	3.5
228.5m	Tilling T.	109	+2	6.5	6.0	9.6
15.7m	Time Products	117	..	2.4	2.0	18.0
171,000	Tinghm Jute	12	..	..	..	..
4,801,000	Tomkins F. H.	19	..	1.5	7.6	6.9
89.9m	Tootal	49	+1	3.8	7.7	11.1
1,056,000	Toye	47	+10	1.3	2.7	22.0
34.2m	Tozer Kemsley	47	+1	4.6	9.5	5.7
263.0m	Trafalgar H Ltd	165	+7	7.8	4.7	10.8
5,384,000	Trans Paper	74	..	6.7	9.1	5.9
91.8m	Transport Dev	69	..	4.5	6.5	12.6
405,000	Tranwood Grp	4½	-¼	2.5	55.6	1.1
11.4m	Travis & Arnold	139	-3	5.3	3.8	8.7
1,630,000	Tricoville	51	..	2.8	5.4	4.7
26.0m	Trident TV 'A'	55	+2	4.3	7.8	7.1
6,512,000	Triplex Found	79	+1	6.6	8.4	6.2
188.9m	Trust Hse Forte	188	..	12.1	6.4	16.2
230.7m	Tube Invest	386	+10	31.8	8.8	8.5
32.6m	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	278	+16	15.5	5.6	10.4
2,298,000	Turner Curzon	31	..	1.1	9.8	6.6
184.3m	Turner Newall	212	+4	14.6	6.8	10.3
11.0m	Turner Mfg	110	+8	6.1	5.5	4.2
2,990,000	Turriff	66	+5	3.3	4.7	7.8
33.8m	UBM Grp	79½	+1	6.4	8.5	20.2
138.8m	UDS Grp	91	..	7.2	8.0	14.9
23.2m	UKO Int	168	+1	12.6	7.5	9.1
22.1m	Unicorn Ind	95	-1	8.2	8.7	8.6
169.3m	Unigate	85	+1	4.8	8.8	7.8
933.6m	Unilever	510	-16	18.9	3.7	6.3
1,158.2m	Do NV	£21⅞	+1⅞	116	5.4	8.5
11.8m	Unitech	83	+3	3.6	6.0	12.5
202.4m	Utd Biscuit	162	..	8.2	5.0	9.2
11.4m	Utd City Merc	51	-1	1.1	2.2	8.2
2,183,000	Utd Eng	39	-1	3.4	11.3	8.3
6,972,000	Utd Gas Ind	69	-5	5.5	9.3	8.6
22.7m	Utd News	332	+2	19.7	5.9	10.5
23.3m	Utd Scientific	267	-23	9.1	3.4	11.2
3,737,000	Valor	37	-1	3.0	3.9	6.5
20.2m	Vantona	131	+4	7.5	5.7	6.8
4,750,000	Vereeniging Ref	95	..	17.3	18.8	2.1
119.6m	Vetco	£17⅛	f ..	11.6	0.7	..
9,900,000	Vibroplant	165	..	14.6	8.9	12.0
36.6m	Vickers	193	+10	13.8	7.0	4.9
1,312,000	Vita-Tex	45	-1	4.9	10.9	6.6
19.3m	Vosper	182	+32	6.9b	3.8	3.0
4,274,000	W Ribbons	79	-4	5.0	6.3	7.5
3,615,000	WGI	84	+1	8.8	10.5	18.0
13.8m	Waddington J.	222	-2	3.6	1.6	7.9
2,305,000	Wade Potteries	29	+1	2.0	6.8	6.1
5,424,000	Wadkin	113	..	8.0	7.1	6.3
11.5m	Wagon Ind	122	+1	11.2b	9.2	9.9
786,000	Walker & Homer	13½	+½	1.4	10.1	3.9
2,558,000	Walker C & W	119	+1	9.1	7.6	6.4
6,757,000	Walker J. Gold	93	-4	3.2	3.5	7.3
8,193,000	Do NV	91	-1	3.2	3.5	7.2
15.5m	Ward & Gold	103	..	6.2	6.0	7.3
33.7m	Ward T. W.	65	+3½	6.2	9.5	8.9
3,406,000	Wardle B.	19	..	1.9	9.7	10.1
12.3m	Waring & Gillow	89½	-½	4.9	5.5	9.1
4,318,000	Warne Wright	42	..	4.0	9.5	5.3
970,000	Warren J.	65	f ..	..e	..	..
1,142,000	Warrington T.	38	..	4.7	12.5	20.3
55.5m	Waterford Glass	47	-1	1.8	3.8	15.2
2,580,000	Watmoughs	86	-4	3.8	4.4	8.5
5,250,000	Watson & Philip	63	-2	3.5	5.5	13.0
12.6m	Watts Blake	158	+1	6.4b	4.0	7.9
2,539,000	Wearwell	21	+1½	..e	..	4.8
27.9m	Weir Grp	112	-3	8.0	7.1	5.8
1,546,000	Wellco Hldgs	23½	..	0.8	3.2	3.9
5,519,000	Wellman Eng	49	-1	3.3	6.7	8.8
7,389,000	Westbrick Pds	34	-3	2.2	6.5	7.8
20.9m	Westinghse Brke	49	+½	3.2a	6.6	8.8
28.4m	Westland Air	48	● -2	4.8	10.0	8.3
221,000	Westminster Inv	9	..	..e	..	..
345,000	Wharf Mill	22	+1	2.2	9.8	10.1
1,800,000	Whatlings	57	+2	3.9	6.8	6.0
24.1m	W'sheaf Dist	152	+2	11.4	7.5	8.2
—	Wh'lock Mar	31	+2½	..	..	..
8,394,000	Whessoe	93	+3	7.0	7.5	5.1
3,211,000	Wheway Watson	17	..	1.3	7.8	19.2
5,837,000	White Child	90	..	6.8	5.5	3.8
17.5m	Whitecroft	194	+6	20.0	10.6	4.2
1,730,000	Whiteley BSW	44	-1	0.8e	1.7	18.4
4,473,000	Wholesale Fit	128	..	8.0	6.2	7.5
13.9m	Wigfall H.	266	h +113	7.5	2.8	..
1,338,000	Wiggins Constr	25	..	2.4	9.5	8.0
1,686,000	Wight Con	118	+2	10.2	8.6	9.3
46.1m	Wilkins'n Match	206	+6	13.2	6.4	11.2
11.3m	Do 10% Conv	£104	+1	1000	9.6	..
2,980,000	Wms J. Cardiff	43	+1	4.2	9.7	3.6
2,214,000	Wills G. & Sons	53	..	2.2	4.2	5.5
14.1m	Wilmot Breeden	68	+1½	4.5	6.6	4.9
4,434,000	Wilson Bros	38½	-2	2.1	5.5	9.4
202.2m	Wimpey G	79	+2	0.9	1.2	10.5
4,238,000	Winn Ind	40	-3½	4.0	10.1	8.4
3,520,000	Witter T.	40	-1½	4.4	10.9	7.2
96.5m	W'aley Hughes	200	+12	10.2	5.1	9.4
1,180,000	Wood & Sons	29	..	0.9	3.1	8.2
2,616,000	Wood S. W.	45	..	5.8	13.0	..
24.0m	Wood Hall Tst	98	-5	7.3	7.5	9.0
15.8m	Woodhead J.	111	a +½	5.4	4.9	7.1
3,171,000	W'dh'se Rixson	37	..	3.3	10.7	8.5
237.0m	Woolworth	68	+3	6.6	9.8	13.6
967,000	Wrighton F.	21½	+½	1.7	7.8	..
11.4m	Yarrow & Co	295	..	7.9	2.5	9.7
7,355,000	York Trailer	66	..	3.1	4.9	6.9
9,513,000	Youghal C'pts	57	+1	7.2	12.5	5.8
3,244,000	Zetters	51	+3	1.8	3.5	12.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
13.5m	[illegible]kroyd & Sm	238	..	25.4	10.9	2.4
2,220,000	[illegible]ssam T[illegible] 'B'	570	+80	3.6	0.9	4.1
2,973,000	[illegible]oustead	26	..	2.3	8.7	7.2
17.3m	[illegible]rit Ar[illegible]	23	+1	..	..	..
158.0m	[illegible]ET Dfd	169	+1	8.1	7.4	8.2
29.8m	[illegible]hallenge Corp	106	+3	7.0	6.5	5.5
55.8m	[illegible]harterh'e Grp	61	● +5	5.1	8.3	10.5
—	Fin de Suez	£29½	+1½	..	..	..
16.9m	[illegible]ity Nat Tst	340	+2	18.2	5.4	21.5
16.7m	Do A	335	+2	18.2	5.4	21.0
76.0m	[illegible]ilgety	239	+2	12.7	7.7	8.0
7,898,000	[illegible]ewbay	39	-1	1.5	5.3	11.2
2,993,000	[illegible]din Ind Hldgs	19½	+½	0.2a	1.0	38.2
47.9m	[illegible]lectra I[illegible]	98	..	6.5	6.7	20.9
3,013,000	[illegible]xploration	35	-1	0.8	3.0	10.5
5,300,000	[illegible]C Finance	25	-1	2.3	3.9	20.7
7,035,000	[illegible]oode D[illegible] Grp	23½	+3	1.3	4.1	..
284.1m	[illegible]chcape	367	-1	22.7b	6.2	8.5
113.3m	[illegible]oyds & Scot	110	+1	6.0	5.4	14.5
1,369,000	[illegible]un & E[illegible] Grp	16	-1	..	..	..
9,368,000	[illegible]&G Grp Hldgs	107	● ..	5.3	4.9	11.3
3,408,000	[illegible]anson F[illegible]	48	..	4.2	8.8	17.8
2,725,000	[illegible]artin R[illegible]	66	-5	9.1	13.8	10.0
3,748,000	[illegible]op Inv Fin	87	+6	6.1b	7.0	20.5
36.8m	[illegible]ov Fin[illegible]	100	-1	6.9	6.9	11.4
133.0m	[illegible]ne Dar[illegible]	95	+6	4.2	4.4	8.5
5,153,000	[illegible]ith Bros	59	-1	6.8	11.6	12.5
2,210,000	[illegible]ndall O[illegible]	677	..	46.4	6.9	..
53.6m	[illegible]d Dom[illegible]	49	+2	..	..	35.8
10.5m	[illegible]gon Fi[illegible]	92	-1	6.3b	6.8	12.1
11.4m	[illegible]le Cat[illegible]	73½	..	2.6	3.8	13.8

INSURANCE

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
113.6m	[illegible]wrigs	112	-1	4.2	3.7	..
3,739,000	[illegible]entral [illegible]eard	50	-3	1.9	3.9	25.4
33.4m	[illegible]Hambro	174	+6	12.5	7.2	..
629.9m	[illegible]m Union	153	+4	11.6	7.6	..
213.2m	[illegible]gle Star	159	+2	9.2	5.8	..
35.6m	[illegible]uity & Law	178	+8	9.4	5.3	..
289.7m	[illegible]n Accident	238	+2	12.5b	5.2	..
316.7m	[illegible]ardian Royal	252	+2	14.5	5.5	..
29.4m	[illegible]mbro Life	297	+4	24.2	8.1	..
75.8m	[illegible]ath C.	262	+9	7.5	2.9	12.1
39.2m	[illegible]g Robinson	174	+2	9.0	5.1	9.7
215.4m	[illegible]wden A.	160	-6	5.6	3.5	9.9
290.9m	[illegible]gal & G[illegible]	174	+3	8.0	4.6	..
18.4m	[illegible]lie & Edwin	94	+1	6.6	6.6	10.7
27.3m	[illegible]ndon & Man	132	+2	8.2	6.2	..
11.9m	[illegible]1 Utd	149	+3	5.8	4.1	11.2
34.8m	[illegible]atthews Wson	210	-2	13.9	6.6	9.4
78.7m	[illegible]rket Hldgs	180	+5	4.9	3.0	13.3
18.8m	[illegible]earl C.	64	+1	5.0a	7.8	7.1
92.6m	[illegible]earl	258	+2	17.3	6.7	..
167.9m	[illegible]oenix	278	+4	14.9	5.4	..
3,316,000	[illegible]ov Life	130	..	11.8	9.1	..
—	Do A B	130	..	11.8	9.1	..
2,535,000	Do B	130	..	11.8	9.1	..
—	Do P B	130	..	11.8	9.1	..
483.3m	[illegible]udential	162	..	9.5	5.9	..
30.0m	[illegible]fuge	144	+2	10.5	7.3	..
623.8m	[illegible]yal	415	+3	23.6	5.7	..
103.4m	[illegible]dge Forbes	340	-3	14.5	4.3	14.6
35.7m	[illegible]nhouse	202	..	6.1	6.0	7.8
385.4m	[illegible]n Alliance	579	-15	30.5	5.3	..
81.4m	[illegible]n Life	106	+1	4.7	4.5	..
5,940,000	[illegible]ade Indemn'ty	165	..	12.0	7.3	..
112.0m	[illegible]llis Faber	280	+2	11.9	4.3	14.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
28.6m	[illegible]erdeen Tst	129	-1	7.1	5.5	26.0
102.8m	[illegible]iance Tst	204	-3	9.6a	4.7	27.9
31.9m	[illegible]ner Trust	40½	..	1.8b	4.5	37.2
80.2m	[illegible]Amer Secs	88	-1	4.1	4.6	30.5
1,638,000	[illegible]o Indry	49	..	4.4	9.0	17.2
2,580,000	Ass[illegible]	129	+1	..	..	..
13.3m	[illegible]sto Sec	39½	..	2.4	6.1	25.6
11.4m	[illegible]antown Tr	128½	-2	5.5	4.6	33.8
1,800,000	[illegible]ers Regional	59	..	0.8	1.5	31.0
21.0m	[illegible]antic Assets	79½	..	0.6	0.8	..
59.4m	[illegible] Electric	55	-½	2.4	4.4	32.7
20.7m	[illegible]rsters I[illegible]	53½	+1	3.3b	6.5	22.1
6,063,000	[illegible]r Tr[illegible]	53	..	1.3	2.5	58.3
48.1m	[illegible]mer & Gen	265½	-5	11.4	4.3	33.2
16.5m	[illegible]Am & Gen	37½	-½	2.3	6.2	25.3
53.7m	[illegible]Assets Tst	64	-1½	3.3	5.2	27.4
2,336,000	[illegible]Emp[illegible]	11½	-½	0.9	7.9	16.4
31.9m	[illegible]ntres	145	h +3	6.8	4.7	33.3
15.2m	[illegible]ston	141½	-7½	7.2	5.1	30.0
14.4m	[illegible]mer	99½	-1	5.4	5.8	25.3
5,180,000	[illegible]urt	76	..	3.3	4.4	23.4
8,860,000	[illegible]er Inv	64	-1	2.9	4.5	27.0
44.3m	[illegible]onian Inv	252	-1	12.8	5.1	27.8
22.2m	[illegible]onian Tst	63	..	2.6	4.1	41.3
946,000	B	60½	+½	..	..	..
18.3m	[illegible]al & Ind	111½	-2	6.1	5.4	..
688,000	B	107½	-2	..	..	..
10.5m	[illegible]al 'Id'	100½	-1	5.1	5.0	..
10.6m	[illegible]al Inv	103½	-3	5.7	5.5	27.4
20.3m	[illegible] Inv	64	-2	3.8	5.9	24.2
20.3m	[illegible]r Tst	53	● ..	3.3	6.2	23.9
23.3m	[illegible]edale Inv	61½	-1½	2.7	4.4	30.4
1,285,000	B	60	..	..	..	..
16.4m	[illegible]ton & F	£11	-¼	20.5g	1.9	..
31.2m	[illegible]t Ind	184½	+2	9.2	4.9	31.7
7,494,000	[illegible]ant Japan	119½	..	..	..	..
7,680,000	[illegible]nars	76	-3	5.1	6.7	22.1
1,495,000	[illegible]m	29½	..	1.2	4.2	35.6
1,485,000	[illegible] Inv	80	..	..	..	..
5,352,000	[illegible] Tst 'Ind'	208	..	20.0	9.8	20.0
4,184,000	[illegible]p	163	+½	..	..	..
27.1m	[illegible]	117	-2	6.2	5.3	22.0
49.6m	[illegible]	134	-1	7.1	5.3	25.8
49.8m	[illegible]ven	175	-1	9.8	5.3	27.3
9,911,000	[illegible]& Ldn	59	-½	3.5	5.9	24.9
74.7m	[illegible] Dundee	168	h +5	5.3b	3.2	..
16.4m	[illegible]Amer Inv	89¼	+1½	1.4	1.5	75.8
59.5m	[illegible]burgh Inv	215	-2	9.6b	4.4	30.3
11.6m	G[illegible]	61	-1	2.2b	2.6	37.9
7,182,000	[illegible] Int	82½	-2	8.3	6.4	22.2
25.6m	[illegible] N Y	68	-1	3.8b	5.6	29.8
42.9m	[illegible] Dutch	275	-6	11.2	4.1	32.7
23.4m	[illegible]tor	81	-1	4.3	5.3	32.0
29.3m	[illegible] & Gen	237	-1	4.4	3.2	47.4
4,950,000	[illegible]	99	-1	1.5	1.5	47.8
9,501,000	[illegible]nde Ord	126½	+3	6.5	4.6	41.7
1,172,000	[illegible]nv	104	-3½	..	..	..
15.0m	[illegible] & Fats	35	..	5.2	5.3	28.7
7,291,000	[illegible]ttish	77	+1	4.6	6.0	25.0
7,087,000	[illegible]ron	78	-2	2.6	3.3	54.9
158.2m	[illegible]ru	106	+1	6.3b	5.9	23.8
6,823,000	[illegible]Tr[illegible]	72	..	3.2	4.4	30.0
49.5m	[illegible]orthern	203	-1	5.9	5.7	26.1
2,840,000	[illegible]ar	79½	-1½	1.8b	2.5	42.2
1,979,000	[illegible]	48	● +2	4.6	9.5	11.4
86.2m	[illegible]	75	..	2.6	4.7	31.4
22.9m	[illegible]	88	+2	5.1	5.9	26.4
17.4m	[illegible]	92	h +9	2.9	3.2	52.8
89.9m	[illegible]	175	-2	10.8b	5.9	28.8
17.2m	[illegible]ds A	73½	+½	5.5	7.6	18.5
100.2m	[illegible] General	47½	+½	2.2	4.5	30.8
23.9m	[illegible]	70	-1½	3.4b	5.1	25.8
6,823,000	[illegible] Inq	111½	+1	4.9b	3.6	34.7
38.7m	[illegible]orp	187	..	9.2	4.9	30.3
41.4m	[illegible]Trs	67	● -1	2.5	3.7	37.0
10.6m	[illegible] Japan	106	-8	1.1	1.0	..
5,086,000	[illegible]st	112	-2	..	..	..
37.3m	[illegible] Inv	84½	+¼	3.3	4.0	35.5
10.3m	[illegible] Corp	98	-1	6.2	6.3	22.6
21.9m	[illegible]rood	101	-2	5.0	5.0	31.4
16.3m	[illegible]ndose	170	-4	8.0	4.7	33.5
30.3m	[illegible]m Tst	98	-2	4.7	4.8	31.6
60.2m	[illegible]h Sec	89½	-1½	2.1	2.3	..
3,352,000	[illegible]	89½	-2½	..	..	..
4,860,000	[illegible] Invest	68	..	4.2a	6.1	28.5
41.3m	[illegible]	186	-1	12.1b	6.4	24.5
48.6m	[illegible]e Inv	36½	+1	1.6	4.2	37.4
33.8m	[illegible] Trust	66½	-½	3.9b	5.9	28.9
34.3m	[illegible]	44½	..	2.1	4.8	30.5
3,881,000	[illegible] Inv	79	-1	4.6	5.9	24.4
8,218,000	[illegible] Inc	71	..	2.4	11.3	18.8
5,100,000	[illegible]	102	+2	..	..	..
14.4m	[illegible]antic	83	..	4.1	4.9	28.8
26.4m	[illegible] Amer	86½	-1½	4.3	5.0	30.5
3,352,000	[illegible] Sec	99	..	5.0b	5.1	23.1
5,684,000	[illegible]tized	60½	-½	3.0	4.8	29.4
19.2m	[illegible]	111	-1	5.2	4.6	29.1
1,626,000	[illegible]e Sec	68	-5	4.0	5.9	25.9
29.0m	[illegible]	111	-1	5.2	4.7	30.1
19.1m	[illegible]ere	166	+2	11.5	7.0	21.2
10.0m	[illegible]	137	..	8.2	5.8	..
31.1m	[illegible] Trust	79	..	3.8	4.8	32.6
31.1m	[illegible]	165	-1	8.5	5.2	25.0
7,590,000	[illegible]	69	+1	5.5	7.9	18.3
45.1m	[illegible]	80½	-2½	3.8	4.7	..
6,600,000	[illegible] Inv	44	-½	1.5	4.1	34.8
4,846,000	[illegible] 'A'	129½	+½	4.6	3.6	27.7
63.1m	[illegible]	120½	+½	5.7b	4.7	32.7
5,338,000	[illegible]tehs	35½	..	2.3b	6.4	25.9
—	[illegible]	91½	+3	3.9	4.2	34.7
75.2m	[illegible]ago	165	-1	4.6b	4.2	33.9
43.1m	[illegible]hal	132	-4	5.2	4.0	34.6
37.8m	[illegible]era	93	-4	4.2	4.6	31.3
54.0m	[illegible]	77½	-1	3.0	3.9	50.0
40.0m	[illegible]rn	90½	..	3.2	3.9	45.0
1,738,000	[illegible]	30½	-½	..	..	..
33.0m	[illegible]	178½	-8½	8.6	4.9	29.7
12.4m	[illegible]thern	71	-2	3.6	4.9	42.5
284.1m	[illegible]	69	-1	..	..	41.3
24.0m	[illegible]est	155	-2	7.6	4.9	32.0
27.0m	[illegible]rs	83	-½	3.4	3.7	38.6
9,300,000	[illegible] Cap	83	+3	..	..	..
27.0m	[illegible] Trust	71	..	6.2	8.2	18.0
14.5m	[illegible]	385	..	18.3b	3.1	38.1
15.0m	[illegible] Inc	98	..	6.4	9.7	16.8
8,080,000	[illegible]	151	+1	..	..	..
37.2m	[illegible]p	125	-1	6.4	5.1	39.2
8,487,000	[illegible]r	101	h -2	5.7b	3.6	18.4
50.5m	[illegible]s	113	-1	6.4	5.7	28.4
26.9m	[illegible]ob	89½	..	4.6b	5.6	24.8
14.6m	[illegible] Gen	177	-4	9.0	5.1	25.3
8,900,000	[illegible]	48	-½	1.4	1.5	54.2
8,640,000	[illegible]inst	190	-1	7.0	3.9	38.3
80.0m	[illegible]	76	● -1½	3.3b	4.2	..
1,986,000	[illegible]	69	-1	0.1	0.1	..
9,988,000	[illegible]	166	-1	10.5b	6.3	23.2
1,130,000	[illegible]ics	29	-1	2.1b	7.3	20.1
4,810,000	[illegible]ir	74	-1	5.0b	6.8	21.6

SHIPPING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	292	+2	13.0	4.5	10.0
6,892,000	[illegible]	117	..	2.2	1.9	11.5
[illegible]	[illegible]ibs	343	-1	11.9	3.5	6.8
3,981,000	[illegible]son	230	..	16.4	7.1	3.1
9,210,000	[illegible]	40	+2½	2.8	7.1	11.8
[illegible]	[illegible] Fr	37	-1	5.1	13.8	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	255	..	7.6	3.0	30.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	133	-1	11.8	8.8	3.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	115	+2	9.6	8.4	7.8
8,323,[illegible]	[illegible]	115	+8	12.6	10.9	8.4

MINES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
103[illegible]	[illegible]	450	+20	38.0	8.9	..
[illegible]	[illegible]rp	262	+10	20.9g	8.0	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	£15¼	+½	107	7.0	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	£30½	..	303	9.9	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	59½	+½	6.1	10.2	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	66½	+1	6.1	10.2	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	116½	+1½	22.0	2.1	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	335	+20	97.1	28.1	..
5,278,[illegible]	[illegible]	46	..	6.2	13.4	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	307	+16	30.5	10.9	..
2,870,[illegible]	[illegible]	26	-½	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	75	-10	16.5	22.0	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	77	+6	..e	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	£20½	+½	94.5	10.7	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	135	-2	11.8	8.7	..
[illegible]	[illegible]ds	301	+15	27.7	5.8	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	359	+9	36.4	9.9	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	349	+30	18.7	7.0	..
6,184,[illegible]	[illegible]	268	+20	..	..	..
c. 700,000	East Dagga	19	..	..	..	..
338.6m	E Driefontein	621	+17	46.5	7.5	..
13.2m	E Rand Prop	335	+13	..e	..	..
2,618,000	El Oro M & Ex	58	..	1.5	2.6	..
43.1m	Elsburg Gold	143	+5	5.4	3.7	..
138.3m	FS Geduld	£15¼	-¼	158	11.9	..
2,910,000	Geevor Tin	470	● -10	30.3	6.4	..
133.3m	Gen Mining	£15	-½	139	9.2	..
20.3m	Gopeng Cons	260	+7	22.7	8.7	..
14.2m	Grootvlei	125	-2	11.9	9.5	..
—	Hamersley	178	..	..	..	..
3,807,000	Hampton Gold	55	+4	2.2	7.6	..
97.3m	Harmony	362	+16	33.0	9.1	..
110.3m	Hartebeest	£9⅞	+⅛	91.2	9.2	..
79.8m	Jo'burg Cons	£17½	+⅛	164	9.3	..
58.3m	Kinross	324	+27	22.4	6.9	..
129.4m	Kloof	461	+22	18.7	4.0	..
7,520,000	Leslie	47	+5	2.0	4.3	..
37.3m	Libanon	471	+19	49.7	10.6	..
8,640,000	Lydenburg Plat	69	+5	1.7	2.9	..
388.8m	MIM Hldgs	136	+8	5.7	4.2	..
9,400,000	MTD (Mangula)	47	-1	12.9	27.2	..
26.3m	Malayan Tin	255	..	..	..	..
2,590,000	Marievale Con	82	+5	29.8	35.2	..
9,887,000	Messina Trans	90	+3	19.0	21.1	..
—	Metals Explor	14	..	..	..	..
15.4m	Middle Wits	120	+10	14.2	8.3	..
37.1m	Minorco	182	-5	6.9	5.2	..
15.4m	Nthgate Explor	367	+17	58.3	30.0	..
17.2m	Pahang Cons	45	+2	3.5	8.3	..
—	Peko Wallsend	415	+20	..	..	..
121.9m	Pres Brand	£9⅞	+⅜	85.8	9.9	..
95.1m	Pres Steyn	£9⅝	+⅛	133.2	2.0	..
14.2m	Rand Mine Prop	115	-5	8.9	7.5	..
174.5m	Randfontein	£32⅛	+1⅛	221	6.9	..
496.4m	Rio Tinto Zinc	159	-9	12.9b	6.6	..
8,369,000	Roan Cons 'B'	55	+2	..	..	..
102.4m	Rustenburg	93	+12	..	..	..
6,786,000	Saint Piran	58	-1	3.0	5.2	..
78.3m	St Helena	£7⅞	+⅛	75.9	9.6	..
128.7m	Selection Tst	400	+10	25.3	6.3	..
33.3m	Sentrust	189	+14	19.0	10.1	..
3,696,000	SA Land	56	+1	..	..	..
—	South Crofty	39	+1	6.3	16.6	..
126.1m	Southvaal	485	-21	12.1	2.7	..
14.2m	Sthn Malayan	247	-2	18.2	7.2	..
4,778,000	Sungei Besi	140	-7	..	..	..
23.9m	Tanjong	134	-2	11.0	8.2	..
1,496,000	Tanjong Tin	180	..	..	..	..
5,782,000	Tharsis Sulph	230	..	9.5	9.5	..
85.3m	Transvaal Cons	£11¼	+¼	61.4	5.2	..
16.2m	Tronoh Mines	158	+5	7.0	4.4	..
41.9m	UC Invest	215	+13	20.1	9.3	..
143.1m	Union Corp	345	+7	23.8	9.7	..
228.0m	Vaal Reefs	£12	+⅜	77.0	8.4	..
137m	Venterspost	273	+5	71.5	26.2	..
9,636,000	Wankie Colliery	38	-2	7.0	18.4	..
28.0m	Welkom	229	+12	23.1	10.1	..
258.4m	W Driefontein	£18	+⅛	174	9.7	..
6,672,000	W Rand Cons	157	-5	8.2	5.2	..
86.6m	Western Areas	215	+37	8.2	3.8	..
150.0m	Western Deep	£6	-¼	51.3	8.5	..
110.1m	Western Hldgs	£14⅜	+⅛	183	12.8	..
202.7m	Western Mining	94	-5	3.5	4.0	..
73.6m	Winkelhaak	614	-38	56.7	9.2	..
14.0m	Zambia Copper	11½	-½	..	..	..

OIL

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
17.3m	Ampol Pet	59	..	3.4	5.8	14.1
3,894,000	Attock	112	f ..	6.5	5.8	13.7
7,020,000	Brit Borneo	136	+2	9.4	6.0	69.6
3,107.6m	BP	864	-6	33.5	4.2	28.7
82.0m	Burmah Oil	57	+4	..	..	..
4,229,000	Century Oils	50	..	3.7	7.4	3.9
7,664,000	Charterhall	22½	+½	..	..	70.5
257.1m	C F Petroles	£13½	+½	156	11.5	3.3
6,865,000	KCA Int	34	..	2.2	8.1	..
92.3m	Lasmo	190	-6	..	..	..
29.8m	Do Ops	395	-6	..	..	..
77.2m	Do 14% Ln	£103	● -½	1400	13.6	..
31.2m	Oil Exploration	240	-32	2.9	1.2	39.2
11.6m	Premier Cons	18½	+½	..	..	..
—	Ranger Oil	£17⅞	+2⅛	..	..	..
—	Reynolds Dlv.	1½	..	..	..	..
4,833.2m	Royal Dutch	£37¾	+1¾	147	3.9	6.7
2,784.1m	Shell Trans	518	+3	22.8	4.6	6.3
60.8m	Tricentrol	154	..	1.7	1.1	24.1
91.0m	Ultramar	234	+6	..	..	11.0
30.7m	Do 7% Cnv	137	+3	10.6	7.7	..

PROPERTY

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
5,497,000	Allied Ldn	52	-2	2.8	5.4	17.7
45.0m	Allnatt Ldn	236	+3	5.9	2.6	31.1
8,588,000	Apex Props	242	+5	5.3	2.2	41.7
4,532,000	Aquis Secs	18	..	0.9	5.1	22.3
10.8m	Beaumont Prop	98	+3	4.9	5.0	32.1
13.8m	Bellway Hldgs	55	-2	4.0	7.3	..
19.9m	Berkeley Hmbro	115	..	4.0	3.4	..
65.8m	Bilton Percy	180	..	9.4	5.2	22.5
1,783,000	Do Accum	177	..	0.3	0.2	..
17.7m	Bradford Prop	234	+7	9.9	4.2	9.9
24.2m	British Land	39½	+2½	..e	..	..
49.5m	Brixton Estate	115	..	2.9b	2.5	36.4
38.4m	Cap & Counties	51	+1½	1.5b	3.0	..
31.4m	Chesterfield	320	+5	5.5	1.7	46.7
578,000	Chown Secs	11	-1	..	..	..
4,240,000	Churchbury Est	265	..	6.6	2.5	30.4
74.1m	City Offices	62	-1	2.5	4.0	27.2
4,615,000	Corn Exchange	166	-4	2.9	1.7	26.1
5,000,000	Country & New T	24½	+1	1.0	4.1	..
8,900,000	County & Dist	89	+1½	1.2	1.3	31.8
10.8m	Daejan Hldgs	66½	..	4.5	6.8	..
42.1m	Eng Prop	45	+½	3.6	7.7	19.7
1,944,000	Estates & Gen	20	..	1.2	6.1	18.5
113m	Estates Prop	79	..	1.5	1.9	31.1
15.3m	Evans of Leeds	95	s +1½	2.9	3.1	34.8
95.0m	Gt Portland	330	+6	6.8	1.6	60.1
5,124,000	Guildhall	84	+1	3.7	4.3	19.4
74.1m	Hammerson 'A'	585	+13	7.7	1.3	..
59.7m	Haslemere Ests	256	..	4.6	1.8	41.2
440.3m	Land Secs	228	+4	7.3	3.2	37.1
17.9m	Law Land	51	+2	1.5b	3.0	33.3
9,612,000	Ldn & Prov Sh	89	-1	1.1	1.3	46.4
8,632,000	Ldn Shop	73	+4	4.5	6.2	31.5
11.5m	Lynton Hldgs	132	+4	3.5	2.6	32.8
142.0m	MEPC	133	+4	2.6	1.9	41.6
773,000	Marler Estates	22	+1	..	..	..
2,725,000	Midhurst Whites	30½	+1½	..	..	..
30.2m	Mucklow A & J.	117	-1	3.4	2.9	36.7
771,000	Municipal	160	..	7.0	4.3	9.0
17.6m	Peachey Prop	32½	+1½	2.5	1.8	..
5,349,000	Prop & Rever	315	+3	7.1	2.2	44.9
16.8m	Do A	315	+3	7.1	2.2	44.9
41.1m	Prop Hldgs	345	..	9.9	2.9	49.1
22.5m	Prop Sec	158	-3	3.1	2.1	..
3,382,000	Raglan Prop	9½	+½	..	..	..
2,116,000	Regional	81	+2	1.0	1.2	..
11.6m	Do A	72½	..	1.0	1.4	..
12.8m	Rush & Tompkins	113	+6	3.8	3.5	19.0
34.0m	Scot Met Props	114	+2	2.9	2.6	46.7
115.9m	Slough Ests	126	-1½	3.4	2.7	40.5
30.1m	Stock Conv	268	+8	3.0a	1.1	37.1
38.4m	Sunley B.	228	+6	6.1	2.7	..
433m	Town & City	17	+1	0.0	0.1	..
7,904,000	Trafford Park	95	-1	5.5	5.8	18.8
10.0m	UK Props	21	+½	..	..	18.3
2,992,000	Webb J.	19	-½	0.7	3.9	12.1
897,000	W'minster & Cty	18	+1	..e	..	..

RUBBER

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
3,406,000	Anglo-Indonesia	83½	+½	3.9	4.7	..
4,350,000	Bradwall FMS	32	..	1.9	6.2	..
5,870,000	Castlefield	198	+23	5.0	2.6	..
6,175,000	Chersonese	55	+2	3.0	5.5	..
112.9m	Cons Plant	105	-1	12.0	11.4	..
364,000	Doranakande	48	+4	2.2a	4.6	..
2,593,000	Gadek Malaysia	57	+10	1.0	1.7	..
1,399,000	Grand Central	9½	+½	0.3	3.1	..
63.1m	Guthrie Corp	230	+5	20.5	8.2	..
127.7m	Harrisons Malay	76½	+10	4.6	6.0	..
95.1m	Highlds & Low	64	+4	4.7	7.3	..
639,000	Hongkong	142	+4	8.4	5.9	..
1,614,000	Killinghall	205	+5	17.3	8.5	..
14.4m	Kulim Malaysia	33½	+2½	2.1	6.2	..
20.3m	Ldn Sumatra	128	+16	3.1	2.4	..
6,735,000	Majedie	41	+1½	1.0	2.5	..
8,697,000	Malayalam	92	h +2	1.7	5.1	..
8,462,000	Muar River	30½	+½	0.7	2.4	..
34.3m	Plant Hldgs	60½	+4	3.3	5.5	..
4,286,000	Sungei Krian	125½	+½	3.9	3.5	..

TEA

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
3,102,000	Assam Frontier	330	h -15	24.6	7.5	..
5,024,000	Assam Inv	110	+2	10.6	9.6	..
4,943,000	Camellia Inv	195	-5	2.8	1.4	..
686,000	Deundi	132	h +2	4.9	3.7	..
4,854,000	Jokai	223	+8	18.5a	8.3	..
9,061,000	McLeod Russel	225	+35	15.2	6.7	..
1,399,000	Moran	400	..	5.4	1.4	..
739,000	Surmah Valley	90	..	10.0	11.1	..
8,419,000	Warren Plant	200	+15	20.0	10.0	..

MISCELLANEOUS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
30.3m	Algoma Cen Rly	£9⅛	+½	26.0	2.8	..
3,728,000	Calcutta Elec	64	..	11.0	30.3	..
—	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£32	+3	490	15.1	..
1,367,000	Essex Wtr 3.5%	38½	+¼	350	9.7	..
126.0m	Gt Nthn Tels	£50	+1	197	3.9	11.2
145.3m	Imp Cont Gas	367	-7	14.2	3.9	13.0
—	Mid Kent Wtr	£37½	+½	500	13.2	..
631,000	Milford Docks	81	+1	4.2	5.1	8.9
2,383,000	Nigerian Elec	220	..	17.2	7.8	..
—	Sunderlnd Wtr	£39½	-½	538	14.0	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 20.01.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1950):

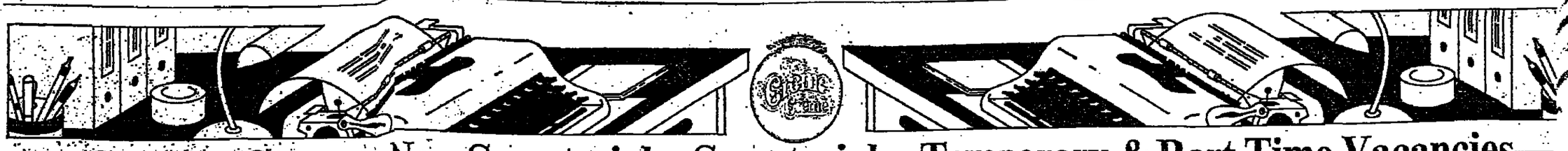
	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Change over Week
The Times Industrial Share Index	204.57	6.33	11.81	+1.90
Largest Coys.	208.44	6.18	11.23	+1.91
Smaller Coys.	195.56	6.90	13.77	+2.21
Capital Goods	240.16	6.53	13.58	-3.64
Consumer Goods	218.56	6.69	11.44	+1.48
Store Shares	181.58	5.93	7.93	+1.64
Largest financial shares	214.45	5.31	—	+2.05
Largest financial and industrial shares	211.77	6.09	—	+1.59
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1977	222.98	(14.09.77)	131.20	(12.01.77)
1976	171.85	(05.05.76)	115.59	(27.10.76)
1975	156.92	(10.11.75)	61.42	(06.01.75)
1974	138.16	(28.02.74)	60.18	(12.12.74)
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...riations (BBC 1): ...28: 1.45-2.00 pm, Pili ...6.20, Wales Today. 6.50-...iw. SCOTLAND: 5.55-... Reporting Scotland: ...blic Account. 11.30, ...THERN IRELAND: 3.53-... Northern Ireland News, ...Scene Around Six.

...12.20 pm, Gardening ...00, News. 1.20, West ...1.25, Wales Headlines. ...ern. 2.25, Rush. 3.20, ...n. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, ...00, Report West. 6.22, ...5, 6.45, Thames. 10.35-... Film: Danger Within: ...d Todd, Richard Atten-...Y CYMRU/WALES: As ...1.20-1.25 pm, Penaw-...lon y Dydd. 2.00-2.25, ...00-6.22, Y Dydd. 8.30-...ythnos. HTV WEST: As ...1.20-1.30 pm, West ...22-6.45, Report West.

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... 12.30 pm, Being a ... News. 1.20, Grampian ...lines. 1.30, Thames. ... The Big Job, with Sid... Sylvia Syms, Dick ...0, Thames. 5.15, ATV. ...ian Today. 6.10, Help ! ...c Theatre Show. 6.45, ...30, Reflections. 10.35-... Film: I Love My Wife, ...Gould, Brenda Vaccaro. ...tins.

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... 12.30 pm, Granada. ...News. 1.30, Southern. ...Weekend Num. with ...t. Vic Morrow. 3.50, ..., Garnock Way. 5.45, ..., Lookaround. 6.15, ...allenge. 6.45, Thames ...Moments. 12.30 am.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 3.00 pm, Wordpower. 3.30, Children Growing Up. 4.00-4.25, The Object of the Exercise.
7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 Ancestral Voices.
7.30 Newsday.
8.10 International Cabaret, with Diane Solomon, Swingle II, Jan Madd, Chantal and Dumont.
9.00 Americans, part 2: The Schoolteacher.
9.50 Marie Curie, part 2.
10.45 Just a Nimmo.
11.15 News.
11.25 Tele-Journal.
11.50-11.55, Peter Jeffrey reads "The Last Journey", by Gavin Ewart.

Granada

12.00, ATV. 12.30 pm, All About Babies. 1.00, News. 1.20, Dodo. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Film: The Chadwick Family, with Fred MacMurray. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, ATV. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Reports Politics. 11.00-12.30 am, Banacek.

Anglia

12.00, ATV. 12.30 pm, Thames. 1.25, Anglia News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Tandarra (r). 3.20, Arnie. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, ATV. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Wish You Were Here ? 11.00, Columbo (r). 12.25 am, Reflection.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, All About Babies. 1.00, News. 1.20, North-East News. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Power Without Glory. 3.20, Generation Scene. 3.35, The Little Rascals.* 3.50, Thames. 5.15, ATV. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.40, Police Call. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Northern Scene. 11.00, Film: Straight On Till Morning, with Rita Tushingham. 12.40 am, Epilogue.

Scottish

12.00, ATV. 12.30 pm, Thames. 1.25, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Film: Backroom Boy, with Arthur Askey, Googie Withers.* 3.50, Thames. 5.15, ATV. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Crimedesk. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Bless This House (r). 11.00, Master Golf. 11.30, A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers. 12.00, Late Call. 12.05-12.55 am, Sullin's Grand Masters Darts Championship.

Ulster

12.00, ATV. 12.30 pm, Thames. 1.20 Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, See You Monday. 2.30, Film: The Smallest Show on Earth, with Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers, Peter Sellers, Margaret Rutherford. 3.50 Thames. 5.15, ATV. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Upsquares and Down. 6.30, Reports. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Talk. 10.35, Review. 11.05, Fireside Theatre.

Channel

1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, McMillan and Wife. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, ATV. 6.00, Channel News. 6.10, Cartoon. 6.45, Thames. 10.32, Stealaway. 11.00, On Seven Hills They Built a City. 11.30, Film: The Face at the Window. 12.40 am, Channel Gazette.

Thames

12.00, Noddy (r). 12.10 pm, Daisy, Daisy. 12.30, Indoor League. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help ! 1.30, About Britain. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, Film: Her Jungle Love, with Dorothy Lamour, Ray Milland. 3.50, Couples (r). 4.20, Clapperboard. 4.45, The Flockton Flyer. 5.15, Pauline's People.
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.40 Help ! (r).
6.45 Opportunity Knocks !
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 Miss Jones and Son.
8.30 Personal Report.
9.00 Hazell.
10.00 News.
10.30 Film: Satan Never Sleeps, with William Holden, Clifton Webb, France Nuyen, Athene Seyler.
1.45 am, Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

ATV

12.00, Noddy (r). 12.10 pm, Daisy Daisy. 12.30, George Hamilton IV (r). 1.00, News. 1.20, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Upstairs, Downstairs (r). 3.25, Looks Familiar. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, University Challenge. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Left, Right and Centre. 11.00, Bless this House (r). 11.30, A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers. 12.00-12.15 am, Something Different.

Southern

12.00, ATV. 12.30 pm, Farm Progress (r). 1.00, News. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, About Britain. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Film: I Love You . . . Goodbye, with Hope Lange. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Afloat. 11.00, Southern News. 11.10, Bill Brand. 12.10 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Radio

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6.00 am, News; Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Peter Powell. 2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 7.02, Northern Radio Orchestra.† 7.30, Alan Dell. 9.02, Humphrey Lyttelton.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, News. 6.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin.) 10.02, Cricket: Third Test. 10.03, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, You've Got to be Joking. 10.30, Star Sound. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 12.00, News.

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6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich,† 7.30-9.50, Cricket : Third Test, m/f only. 8.00, News. 8.05, Glinka, Rachmaninov.† 9.00. News. 9.05, Brahms.† 9.50, Talking About Music.† 10.20, Richard Dering motets.† 11.10, Clarinet Trios; Brahms, Kay.† 12.00, BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: Haydn, Honegger.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, BBC Lunchtime Concert: Andre Tchaikowsky, Beethoven.† 2.05, St Albans 77: Buxtehude, Duruflé, Karg-Elert.† 2.55, Matinée Musicale.† 3.55, Beethoven's C sharp minor Quartet.† 4.35, New Records: Taneyev.† 5.15, Bandstand.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Good Neighbours. 7.00, Helping with Spelling.
7.30, BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra ; Webern, Haydn, Franck.† 8.25, Controls and More Controls, American poetry. 8.55, French Baroque Cantatas.† 10.00, Music in Our Time: Lambert, Goehr, Payne.† 10.__, Jazz in Britain, Turning Point.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.

4
6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, James Cameron. 9.00, News. 9.05, Richard Baker. 10.00, News. 10.05, Wildlife. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, The Glastonbury Ring, a portrait of Rutland Boughton. 11.50, Announcements. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Top of the Form. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: A Study in Scarlet. 4.35, Story: Bulldog Drummond. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.30, What Ho ! Jeeves: Joy in the Morning. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, From Our Own Correspondent. 7.45, Play: Lady Windermere's Fan. 9.15, Speaking for Myself: Ian Grimble. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, Through African Eyes, new series, with Bridget Bloom. 11.00, A Book at Bedtime: "Troubles", by J. G. Farrell, part 1. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore forecast.

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ASPINALL.—On January 16th, to Victoria (nee Smyth) and Richard—a second son (William James).

CAIRNS.—On January 19 to Anne and David, of Maple Tree Farm, Chartridge, a daughter (Clare Louise), a sister for Rachel, Hugh and Simon.

DAVIES.—On 19th January at Victoria Maternity Home, Barnet, to David and Susan (nee Fitchett) a son—Philip William.

FAWCETT.—On 20th January, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Anne (born Cowdon) and Dick—a son (Richard Oliver).

GARDNER.—On January 18th, to Rosemary and Martin—a son.

GRUNDY.—On January 21st at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Judith (nee Brabbins) and Simon—a son (Mark Percy).

HEWITT.—On January 16th, to Alison and James, at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester—a daughter (Annabel).

HOW.—On January 21st at the Lindo Wing, St. Mary's, Paddington, to Sallie and Denzil—another daughter.

LLOYD.—On January 13 at the R.H.C.H., Winchester, to Janet (nee Warren) and Peter—a son (Robin).

TRENTHAM.—On January 20, at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, to Kirsty (nee McLachlan) and Bruce—a son (Dougal Andrew).

DEATHS

ARCHDALE.—On January 21st at his home in Edgbaston, Birmingham, James, aged 36 years, father of Ann Gilks, grandfather of Helen, Margaret and Alastair. Funeral Wednesday, January 25th, at 1.30 p.m. Lodge Hill Crematorium, Selly Oak. No flowers. Donations if wished to City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund.

ARKELL.—On January 20th, 1978, Mollie, wife of the late Frederic Arkell and mother of William (Western Australia) and Bridget Hinton, beloved gran' and great-gran'. Service, Monday, January 23rd, at 2.30 p.m. at Burford Church. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Burford Church.

BEESLY.—On January 19th, Gerald Spencer, aged 77, husband of Helen and father of Sarah and Patricia. Loving and loved by his family and friends. Cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Worth, near Horley, on Thursday, January 26th at 3 p.m. No flowers, please. Donations instead may be sent to R.N.L.I., 21 Ebury Street, S.W.1.

CASTLEMAINE.—On January 19, in hospital, after a brief illness, Leslie Robert Ernest, loved husband of Veronica and a father of Peter. Funeral service and committal at Macclesfield Crematorium on Tuesday, 24th January, 2.30 p.m. No flowers, please, donations to Guild of Air Pilots Benevolent Fund, 30, Eccleston Street, London, S.W.1.

CHAMPAGNE.—On 17th January, 1978, at 166 Walton Street, Chelsea, London SW3 2JL, Samuel Champagne, F.S.V.A. Funeral has taken place on 19th January, 1978.

CHARLESWORTH.—On 19th January, Francis George, suddenly, at home, dearly loved husband of Kathleen Vivian and father of Nicholas and Roger. Cremation at Charing, Kent, Tuesday, 11 a.m. No flowers.

ENGLAND.—On January 19th suddenly, Herbert Reginald (Bertie), aged 76, of Woodford Green, Essex. Requiem Mass in thanksgiving for his life 10 a.m. Thursday, January 26th, at St. Thomas of Canterbury, High Road, Woodford Green, followed by funeral at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leyton. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 57 Gloucester Place, W.1.

GASH.—On January 20th, 1978, peacefully at his home, 112 Banbury Road, Oxford, Dr John Gash, aged 87 years, beloved husband of Elizabeth, sometime Senior Government Chaplain in India. Funeral service North Hinksey Parish Church Thursday, January 26th, at 2 p.m. Flowers to Debenhams, Oxford.

HALL.—On January 19th, in St. Thomas's Hospital, London, Sir John Hall, O.B.E., Member of Parliament for the Wycombe Division. Beloved husband of Nancy and dear father of Felicity Codrington and Andrew. Funeral service at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Wednesday, 25th January, at 12 noon. Memorial service at High Wycombe Parish Church on Saturday, 28th January at 11 a.m. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to the Hon. Secretary, Buckinghamshire Branch, Royal British Legion, 74 London Road, Slough.

HAMILTON.—On 21st January, 1978, at Burrswood, Marion, wife of the late George Rostrevor. Funeral private. No flowers, please. Requiem Mass All Saints', Blackheath, 28th January, 5 p.m.

HAWKINGS.—On January 20th after a short illness bravely borne, Ruby Iris, aged 85, of Sutton Scotney. Funeral at Hunton Church on Thursday, January 26th, at 2 p.m. Flowers to John Steel & Son Ltd., Chesil House, Winchester.

HOPWOOD.—On January 20th, 1978, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, Surrey, Harold, beloved husband of Ranveig and dear father of Peter and Ingrid Elizabeth. Funeral service at Guildford Crematorium at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25th. Flowers may be sent to J. Monk and Sons, Guildford.

KENDALL.—On January 19, very suddenly, Stanley, of 38 Park Drive, East Sheen, S.W.14, greatly loved husband of Mhairaig and father of Anne and John. Funeral service at Woking Crematorium on Thursday, January 26, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the National Institute for the Deaf of 105 Gower Street, W.C.1.

LEE.—On January 20, Muriel (nee Munro), beloved mother of Deirdre and John, in Buenos Aires.

LESLIE.—On January 20, 1978, at Westminster Hospital, after illnesses bravely born, Barbara Cicely, daughter of J. W. Hill, widow of Commander Alexander Leslie, mother of Cecilia Campbell and Anthea Brigham, grandmother of Lenore and Zephyrine. Cremation Golders Green at noon, Wednesday, January 25. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 132-138 Freston Road, W.10, or donations to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincolns Inn Fields, W.C.2.

LUCAS-CLEMENTS.—On January 22nd, 1978, at Ellimore, Crossdoney, Rosamund Charlotte Cosby (Polly), wife of the late Major S. U. Lucas-Clements, of Rathkenny. Funeral Kilmore Cathedral, Tuesday, January 24th at 3 o'clock.

LYNAM.—On January 20th at his home in Oxford, after a short illness, Joc, dear husband of Barbara, brother of Audrey and late headmaster of the Dragon School. Funeral service at Saint Andrews Church, Linton Road, on Wednesday, 25th January, 1978, at 2 p.m. Private cremation afterwards. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, may be sent to the Lynam Educational Fund, c/o The Dragon School, Oxford. Memorial service to be announced later.

McMULLEN.—On 20th January, 1978, in her 64th year, Claire, much loved wife of Launce and mother of Margaret, Rachel, Alan and Colin. Funeral at Cambridge Crematorium at 2 p.m. on Friday, 27th January.

MORISON.—On January 19th, Lucy Theodora, aged 63, peacefully at The Orchard, Drewsteignton, Exeter. Funeral 11.30 a.m. Wednesday, 25th January, Exeter Crematorium. Flowers to L. W. Coleridge, undertaker, Bryn Court Street, Moretonhampstead, and/or donations to Cancer Research.

NEWTON-CARTER.—On January 19th, at The Middlesex Hospital, after a short illness, André died peacefully, aged 58. Former Vice-Chairman of Leo Burnett Ltd. Dearly loved husband of Linda and father of Christopher, Mark and Teresa. Funeral on Wednesday, January 25th, at 2.30 p.m. Our Lady of Dolours, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. Flowers to A. France, 14 Watford Way, N.W.4, by noon on that day.

PARHAM.—On 19th January 1978 at the Queens Hospital, Cirencester, Hedley John Parham, C.B.E., of 4 The Mead, Cirencester, late of South Cerney, dear husband of Irene. Cremation private. Details of memorial service to be announced later.

RENTON.—On 19th January, peacefully at his home in Devizes, Wilts., Dr Horatio Borrowman Renton, third son of the late Dr W. M. and Mrs. M. A. Renton, of Shotley Bridge and Chester-Le-Street, co. Durham. Funeral service, St. James' Church, Devizes, on Wednesday, 25th January, at 2.30 p.m.

ROBERTS.—On January 19th at Orpington Hospital, Alexander Wynne, lately of Morville, Salop, devoted husband of the late Jocelyn (nee Ball) and dear brother of Nancy and Jo. Funeral at St. Mark's Church, Green Street Green, Orpington, Kent, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25th, followed by cremation at Beckenham. Committal of ashes at Acton Round Church, Morville, at 12 noon on Friday, 27th January.

ROOK.—On January 18th, peacefully, at Glebe Cottage, Goring, Reading, Margaret (Peggy) aged 91 years, wife of the late Harold Rook. Much loved sister of Cicely and aunt and great-aunt of many. Funeral on Tuesday, January 24th. Service Goring Parish Church at 2.30 p.m. Cut flowers may be sent to the church.

SELBIE.—On January 19th, William H. Selbie, M.A., suddenly, at his home. Funeral, Tuesday, 24 January, 11.30 a.m., at St. Peter's Church, Shaftesbury. Sprays or donations to St Peter's Church.

SEYMOUR.—On 19th January 1978, Michael Henry, son of the late Charles Evelyn Seymour and Gladys Muriel Seymour. Beloved husband of Dorothy. God Bless you my darling.

SLOCOMBE.—On Saturday, January 14, in Paris, Mary, widow of George Slocombe and mother of Douglas, Alma and Joan.

SMART.—On 19th January, David Christopher Macklin, aged 6 years. Elder son of Margaret and Christopher Smart, of Epsom, Surrey. Funeral service at Christchurch, Epsom, at 12 noon on Thursday, 26th January, followed by burial at Epsom Cemetery. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired to Leukemia Research Fund, c/o Longhurst (Undertakers) Ltd., 86 High Street, Epsom.

STEELE.—On January 21st, peacefully at home, Harold Victor, of 3 Ladram Rd., Alverstoke, Hampshire, aged 86, beloved husband, father, father-in-law, and grandpa. Cremation private. No flowers, please.

TALBOT RICE.—On 22nd January, 1978 Katherine Cecil, of Court Cottage, Southmoor, daughter of the late the Rev. the Hon. and Mrs W Talbot Rice. Service Oxford Crematorium Friday, 27th January, 12 noon. Donations if desired to Dr Barnardo's, Barkingside, Essex, instead of flowers.

WILLCOCK.—On January 19, 1978, peacefully in Oxford, Elsie Josephine Willcock, formerly of Albrighton, Shropshire.

WILSON.—On January 18th, 1978, peacefully, at home, Jessie, beloved wife of Derek Wilson, formerly of Calcutta. Funeral private. Family flowers only, please.

WOODROFFE.—On 13th January, peacefully, after a long illness, Ronald, of Croxley Green, loved by wife Peggy and son Simon.

YORK.—On January 21st suddenly the Rev Royston William York, of 48 Main Road, Hockley, dearly loved husband of Edith and father of Jill, Adrian and Simon. Funeral service Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, on Friday, January 27th, at 2.30 p.m. followed by cremation at Southend. Flowers may be sent to Stibbards Chapel of Rest, Hadleigh, Essex.

YOUNG.—On January 20, Christopher Alwyn J. Young, F.R.S., of Concord House, White Cross, Warminster, beloved husband of Wendy Gladys and dear stepfather of Jacqueline and Anthea Henniker-Heaton. Cremation private. Memorial service, Stowerton Church, Wiltshire, Friday, 27, at 2 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ADAMSON.—A memorial service for David and Marilyn Adamson, Edward and Rupert, and Peter and Margaret Adamson, will be held at St Michael's, Chester Square, S.W.1, on Thursday, February 2nd, 1978, at 12.30 p.m.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late Mrs Doris Mary Dean (Mollie) Syer, M.B.E. Formerly of Roundways, Holt, Norfolk, will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, January 28th, at North Creake Church, Norfolk.

HOBBS.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major-General R. G. S. Hobbs will be held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on Thursday, 26th January, 1978, at 11.30 a.m.

WILLS.—A memorial service for Philip Wills, C.B.E., will be held at St. Clement Danes Church, The Strand, London, W.C.2, at noon on 3rd February, 1978.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SALVESEN.—Mrs. Norman Salvesen thanks all relations and friends for their kind letters which she greatly appreciated. She regrets that owing to ill-health she is unable to reply to them.

THE FORSYTHS OF NOTTINGHAM would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy at this time of bereavement for Robert (Bob). Memorial Service at St. Mary's, Wollaton Park, Nottingham, noon on January 27th. Donations to Moorfields Eye Hospital, c/o R. Forsyth, T. I. Shirmey Archer, Nottingham.

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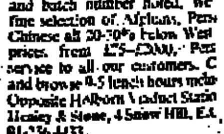
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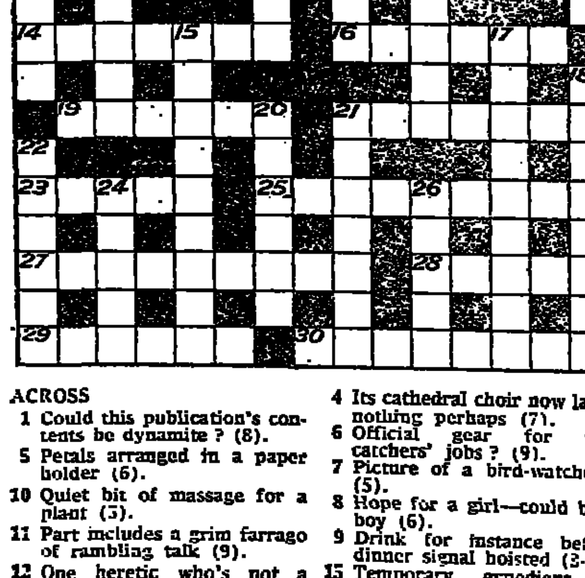
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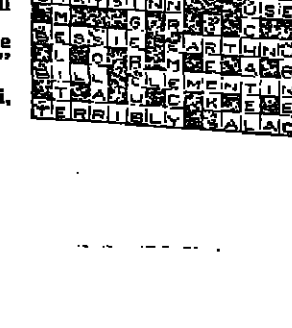
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 14,815



ACROSS
1 Could this publication's contents be dynamite? (8).
5 Petals arranged in a paper holder (6).
10 Quiet bit of massage for a plant (5).
11 Part includes a grim farrago of rambling talk (9).
12 One heretic who's not a Trinity man (9).
13 Be inquisitive about beef substitute (5).
14 General celebration in Rome (7).
16 Note item in account for U-types (6).
19 Stupid twit in a sleeveless jacket (6).
21 Form yourselves into teams as well (7).
23 Subjects of Britannic dominion overseas (5).
25 O'erdoing —— out-herods Herod, said Hamlet (9).
27 Tried outside if one gave evidence (9).
28 The board bilingually agrees (5).
29 In hand, when not on (or up?) the sleeves (6).
30 Pressing a point at these moments in time (8).

DOWN
1 Not that this net would foil the light bomber (8).
2 French writer about strange crime "Surgery killer" (9).
3 One crossing the Serengeti, or the street (5).
4 Its cathedral choir now lacks nothing perhaps (7).
6 Official gear for rat-catchers' jobs? (9).
7 Picture of a bird-watcher? (5).
8 Hope for a girl—could be a boy (6).
9 Drink for instance before dinner signal hoisted (3-3).
15 Temporary expedient to cure the stoppage (9).
17 Raise help in share of atomic risk (9).
18 Herein the odd trash, say, in smoker's den (3-5).
20 Can it withstand a fool? Apparently (6).
21 Composer of note, or a god (7).
22 Change this on completing the circuit (6).
24 View permit seen round back of passport (5).
26 Concerning an objection—nothing in it (3).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,814



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